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KEWANNA TOWN COUNCIL

The Kewanna town council met in regular session Thursday, February 4, at the town hall with the president, Jeff Finke, presiding. Others present included council members, Dan Birge and Mark Smith; clerk-treasurer, Jenny Kay; Jay Cunningham, fire chief; assistant fire chief, Larry Baldwin; Mark Rodriguez, county commissioner; Millie Sytsma, EMS director; Don Bixby, Territorial Engineer; Casi Cramer, Fulton County Area Plan Director; and Seth and Ted White.

Marshal Dennis Price submitted his report in addition to making a request to purchase a new desktop computer, a laptop for the Explorer and a video camera for the interrogation room. As of January, it is a requirement to record all interrogations. The council will make its approval based on price quotes. In January the local police department issued four traffic warnings, made three criminal arrests, filed one accident report; answered 32 calls, performed one vehicle check and patrolled 1,181 miles.

Fire Chief Jay Cunningham gave the fire report and shared his confidence on the possibility of being awarded a grant they have applied for. During January, the local fire department responded to eight town calls, all medical and four township calls, two fire and two medical. The department also provided three mutual aids. Training covered search and rescue.

Engineer Don Bixby discussed Geiger Excavating's plans to begin work on the storm drain project toward the end of February. They expect to finish the project in June. Bixby also submitted his 2010 wastewater treatment testing agreement, which was approved.

Area Plan Director Casi Cramer shared the year-end report noting eight permits were issued for Kewanna.

County Commissioner Mark Rodriguez discussed the county ambulance service with plans to place an ambulance in Kewanna again. This will necessitate housing the ambulance plus providing housing (sleeping quarters, shower and kitchenette) for the paramedics. The county initiated a Local Option Income Tax to provide funds for this service. EMS Director Millie Sytsma is working with the local fire chief and town council to get this service up and running. It is hoped the service can be implemented by April 15.

Ted White, who will be cash renting the farm ground at the sewage treatment plant for the next five years, requested a change in the pay schedule, which was approved by the council.

Contracts allowing Rensberger Septic and Dick's Septic to dispose of septic waste through

Library board meetings

The Kewanna-Union Township Public Library board will meet in executive session Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. with the regular public meeting to follow.

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Woodworkers meeting Saturday

The Tippecanoe Valley Woodworkers will hold another woodworking demonstration Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Community Resource Center, 625 Pontiac St., Rochester.

A demonstration on turning pens will be presented as well as a presentation on wood moisture and drying techniques.

The goal of the Tippecanoe Valley Woodworkers is to build a network of woodworkers of all levels from the surrounding counties that wish to improve their woodworking skills and share ideas and skills with other woodworkers.

The first meeting was held in Kewanna; Saturday will be the group's second meeting; and the next meeting will be March 20 in Winamac. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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the wastewater collection and treatment system during 2010 were approved along with the equipment service agreement for Pro-Air.

The clerk requested that a new storm door be installed at the town hall. Quotes will be available for the next regular meeting.

The town superintendent's report noted problems with the No. 1 lift station. It was subsequently found that the pump head was plugged with a towel. The Town of Winamac was contacted about bringing its vactor truck over to clean out the lift stations as soon as it gets warmer. A new state water inspector performed an overall inspection and found that everything was in order. She did, however, make some recommendations such as fencing the base of the water tower, adding screening to the bottom of the chlorine vents and fixing the ceiling in the north well house. A broken catch basin lid at East and Phillips Streets was replaced. The Christmas decorations were taken down with the help of Wayne Bowyer. Peerless Midwest was here to perform the annual well pump testing and maintenance. Everything looks good. Repairs were made to a valve box extension at East and Brunk Streets that was hit while plowing snow. The annual water report for the Department of Natural Resources was sent in. The water works pumped a total of 15,307,000 gallons of water during 2009 and a total of 1,129,000 gallons in January.

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Genealogy workshop

A free genealogy workshop will be held Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at the Fulton County Museum. Experienced researchers will share tips that helped them in genealogy research. Melinda Clinger will help with researching on the computer. Melva Shambarger will offer 4-H project advice. Volunteers will help participants find information about their ancestors in the Tetzlaff reference room.

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Living History Faire, Feb. 27-28

A Living History Faire will be held February 27 and 28 at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum, Rochester.

This pre-1890 time period event is devoted to Living History and Accoutrements. Trade goods similar to what is sold at the Trail of Courage and sold by the same vendors will be available. These items include leather, beads, jewelry, dream-catchers, moccasins, furs, blacksmith items, pottery, pewter items, historic clothing, rope making, historic music, etc. The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Food will be available and admission will be charged.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post February Activities

February 7 - VFW men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day. Open Sunday.

February 16 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

February 24 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 27 - Rock n' Randy Karaoke, 8 a.m. to ???

February 28 - Open Sunday.

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Senator Bayh not seeking re-election

Evan Bayh, Democratic senator from Indiana, announced Monday that he will not seek a third term of office. President Obama commented on the announcement by saying "For more than two decades, Evan Bayh has devoted his career and his life to serving his fellow Hoosiers. During that time, he has fought tirelessly for Indiana's working families, reaching across the aisle on issues ranging from job creation and economic growth to fiscal responsibilities and national security. I look forward to continuing to work with him on these critical challenges throughout the rest of the year. Michelle and I thank Senator Bayh for his leadership and service and wish him and his family all the best in their future endeavors."

Sen. Head: Senate Committee Agrees Bill Puts Indiana on National Forefront of Animal Care

A key Senate committee unanimously endorsed a bill that would help promote the care and well-being of livestock and poultry, according to State Sen. Randy Head (R-Logansport).

Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environmental Affairs passed House Bill 1099, sponsored by Head, by a vote of 8-0. Head said the measure allows the state's Board of Animal Health (BOAH) to standardize livestock and poultry care practices.

Head said the Indiana Farm Bureau, Indiana Pork Producers Association, Indiana Poultry Association and the Indiana Grain and Feed Association testified in support of the measure.

"Indiana's Board of Animal Health is well-positioned to handle this task," Head said. "Those involved believed the board would implement fair guidelines and would take into account the best interests of animals, farmers and consumers. If this legislation passes, it will put Indiana on the national forefront of animal care."

Currently, state law does not include standards for Hoosier farmers to follow. Under the proposed bill, the BOAH would base guidelines on research and generally accepted farming practices.

"I believe this bill helps give Indiana's agricultural community representation and a voice in how to standardize livestock and poultry care practices," Head said.

House Bill 1099 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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4-H meeting

The Union Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, at the Kewanna Church of Christ. 4-H enrollment forms will be collected at the meeting.

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Indiana Receives \$71.4 million in High-Speed Rail Funds

Grant to Address Country's Most Delay-Prone Intercity Passenger Rail Line

Indiana received a \$71.4 million grant for High-Speed Rail under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Midwest received \$2.6 billion of the \$8 billion distributed nationwide under this program.

"By working across state and party lines, the Midwest showed unified support for this energy efficient, modern form of transportation," said Indiana Department of Transportation

Commissioner Michael W. Reed. "Indiana's much-needed award will attack the country's most delay-prone rail corridor."

More than \$244 million was awarded to improve the efficiency and reliability of rail service for the priority route connecting Chicago and Detroit. Northwest Indiana's portion of \$71.4 million will build passing tracks, high-speed

crossovers and signal system improvements for the existing Norfolk Southern rail line between Porter and the Illinois state line. A PDF copy of Indiana's High-Speed Rail applications can be found online at

<http://indot.IN.gov/3064.htm>.

Nine states are part of an ongoing effort to develop and expand access to an improved passenger rail system in the Midwest. This proposed system would provide 80 to 110 mile per hour rail service with shorter travel times, increased frequency of service, accessibility and reliability. Other participating states are Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

Recycling Days

Thurs., Feb. 11th &

Thurs., Feb. 25th

- Notice -

Some one is putting used Kitty Litter in the recycle bins at Kewanna. If this practice is not stopped the Fulton County Solid Waste District will remove the bins as of March 31.

Please spread the word to all who use the bins and help put a stop to this abuse so we can keep this important service.



Couple weds in California

Jordan L. Vigus and Colleen Teirnan-Lang were married December 19, 2009, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Elmira, California.

Colleen is the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Tierman-Lang and Lieutenant Sharon Tiernan-Lang of Elmira, California

Jordan is the son of John R. and Tracy Vigus, Lafayette. John is a former Kewanna resident.

Colleen is a graduate of Buckingham Charter Magnet High School in California. Jordan is a graduate of Lafayette Jefferson High School and has a degree in Diesel Management from Lincoln Tech. Both are U.S. Army Medics with the 25th Infantry Division. They currently reside in Hawaii.

meat and cheese; lettuce and tomato, sherbet, peanut butter cookie and milk. Comet Café - chili soup and corn chips

Wednesday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding and milk. Comet Café - corn dog and fries

Thursday - Warm ham and cheese sandwich, Tater Tots, pineapple, snickerdoodle cookie and milk. Comet Café - chicken quesadillas

Friday - Pizza, corn, applesauce, pretzels and milk. Comet Café - buffalo chicken nuggets and fries

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**EASTERN PULASKI MENU
February 22 - 26**

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Danish, graham crackers, juice and milk

Tuesday - Biscuit with gravy, juice and milk

Wednesday - Omelet, juice and milk

Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - French toast with syrup, sausage link, hash browns, applesauce and milk

Tuesday - Hot dog, French fries, peaches, cake and milk

Wednesday - Nacho cheese with Tostitos, green beans, apple crisp and milk

Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, applesauce, bread and butter, and milk

Friday - Fish sandwich, corn, pineapple, donut and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Cheeseburger sandwich, mixed vegetables, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Hard or soft tacos with salsa, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Three-meat pizza, corn, pears, cookie and

AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Feb. 22 - Smoked sausage sandwich, red potatoes, peas, sliced apples and milk

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Meat loaf, baby bakers, green beans, peaches, roll and milk

Friday, Feb. 26 - Meat balls and noodles, mixed vegetables, brussel sprouts, fruit cocktail, roll and milk

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CASTON MENU

February 22 - 26

Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Barbecue rib sandwich, seasoned potatoes, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Comet Café - French bread pizza

Tuesday - Two soft tacos with

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milk. Choice - salad bar
 Thursday - Ravioli, green beans, peaches and milk.
 Choice - salad bar
 Friday - Cheese pizza quesadillas, peas, orange juice, cake and milk. Choice - potato bar

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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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PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CALENDAR Auxiliary Scrub Sale

The Auxiliary Scrub Sale will be **Feb 24** from noon to 7 pm in hospital front lobby. Anyone from the community that wears scrubs are invited to come to the sale.

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Breastfeeding Class

The next Breastfeeding Class is Thursday, **Feb 25**, from 7 to 9 pm at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. The purpose of Breastfeeding Class is to inform you of the benefits of breastfeeding for you and the baby, how to get started, how to maintain your milk supply and how to solve problems that might arise.

To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. They will want to know your doctor's name, your due date, and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at PMH. There will be a \$6 charge if you deliver at another hospital. These classes are taught by a Board Certified Lactation Consultant or Lactation Counselor on staff at PMH.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 January 30
 Births - Adam and Samantha Hisey, Kewanna, a son
 January 31
 Births - Kimberly Gardner, Rochester, a daughter
 February 1
 Dismissals - Sandra Ault, Rochester; Samantha Hisey and son, Kewanna
 February 2
 Admissions - Darlene Martin and Deloris Feldman, Rochester
 February 3
 Dismissals - Kimberly Gardner and daughter, Rochester
 February 4
 Admissions - Kent Ganshorn, Mentone
 February 5
 Admissions - Allison Wolf, Knox
 February 8
 Admissions - Madeline Cordes, Roann; Caylynn Burns, Macy; Donna Gearhart, Fulton
 Dismissals - Kent Ganshorn, Mentone; Allison Wolf, Knox; Madeline Cordes, Roann; Caylynn Burns, Macy
 February 9
 Admissions - Kathryn Ackerman, Kewanna; Patricia Thompson, Rochester; Shirley Wolf, Tippecanoe
 Births - Rustin and Cassandra Birge, Akron, a daughter; Alisha Utter, Rochester, a daughter
 February 10
 Admissions - Tyrone Stidham and Landon Hazen, Rochester
 Dismissals - Deloris Feldman, Rochester
 February 11
 Admissions - Deborah Thomas, Rochester
 Dismissals - Donna Gearhart, Fulton; Landon Hazen, Rochester
 February 12
 Admissions - Eugene Secrist, Bourbon
 Dismissals - Cassandra Birge and daughter, Akron; Shirley Wolf, Tippecanoe; Alisha Utter and daughter, Rochester
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DEATHS

LESTER KAMP
 Lester "Les" Kamp, 77, Osceola, died Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at his home. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Kamp, Osceola; two daughters, Sharon Tucker, Elkhart, and Laura Lake, Rockford, Michigan; two brothers, Wendel Dale Kamp, Harlingen, Texas, and Wayne Kamp, Akron; and a sister, Frances Rousseau, California. Services for the Kewanna High School graduate were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 13, at the Osceola United Methodist Church. Visitation was a luncheon immediately following the service at the church.
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HOWARD E. WOODKE
 Howard E. Woodke, 99, Logansport, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, February 7, 2010, in Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born February 16, 1910, in Lowell, he was the son of Edward Woodke and Miranda Werblo. He was married December 30, 1936, in Kankakee, Illinois, to Edith "Dee" Hickman, who preceded in death April 17, 1962. Howard was a retired farmer from the Star City area. He enjoyed playing cards and dancing and was looking forward to his 100th birthday. Howard was a lifetime member of the Logansport Eagles Lodge #323 and a member of the American Legion Post #60. Survivors include daughters, Mary Jane Stangle and her husband David, Kewanna, and Louise Browning and her husband Ron, Walton; sons, John Howard Woodke and wife Sally, Walton, Richard Woodke and wife Andi, Logansport, Roger Dean Woodke and wife Cheryl, Royal Center, and Larry D. Woodke and wife Carleen, Logansport; a brother, Gerald Woodke, Rensselaer; a sister, Gladys Osborn, Hebron; 12 grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. Three sisters, three half sisters, three brothers and a

granddaughter preceded him in death. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 11, at Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport with Pastor Ryan Lewellen officiating. Burial was in the Star City West Cemetery. A visitation was held Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to ones favorite. Online condolences may be sent to www.gundrumfuneralhome.com
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Great Tips For Heart Health Month

(StatePoint) Considering that by February most people have forgotten their short-lived New Year's resolutions, it's a perfect time to observe Heart Health Month and make changes in your life. Since 1963, the month has been an opportunity to learn about combating heart and cardiovascular disease, which remains the country's leading killer. With this in mind, a few helpful tips and some dedication can make a difference in living a healthier life now and extending your golden years. "Simply thinking positively will not get the job done," says Joseph Piscatella, an authority on heart-healthy habits and best-selling author of ten books, including the new "Positive Mind, Healthy Heart: Take Charge of Your Cardiac Health, One Day at a Time." "You need to take action and keep on doing it in order to develop new habits," he stresses. If you're just starting out adopting new lifestyle choices to strengthen your heart, you first need to set realistic goals. By setting explicit, achievable goals, you'll have an easier time adopting good habits. Unrealistic expectations ultimately can do more harm than good.

Once you get rolling, here are a few points to help guide you to better heart health:
 * Think of Your Family: "Take some time to think about your kids or grandkids," says Piscatella. "They need you to lead by example." Motivation sometimes can be difficult to muster when starting to make significant lifestyle changes. What better way to push yourself than to think about how it might benefit your family?
 * Forget Candy, Try Fruit: Diet is a big part of enhancing heart strength. Eating only broccoli and carrots isn't necessary, but remember that many snack foods are high in trans fats and calories. Substituting apples, bananas, and other fruits for fattier snack foods is a great way to kickstart your new healthy lifestyle.
 * Try Walking: We do it daily, but not all of us do it enough. You don't necessarily need to hit the gym -- simply dedicating a small block of the day to a pleasant walk can make a major difference in getting your heart pumping. Once you're comfortable walking, consider upgrading to a brisker pace. Eventually, you should feel a difference in your overall health.
 * No More Crash Diets: The plight of dieters has been

well-documented. According to Piscatella's book, "Positive Mind, Healthy Heart," 97 percent of crash dieters regain their weight and more within a year. This is particularly true of dieters attempting to drastically reduce daily calorie consumption. Simply choosing different types of foods and making gradual exercise changes is more sensible. Before beginning any exercise program, consult your doctor. With our flimsy New Year's resolutions already in our rearview mirror, Heart Health Month couldn't come at a better time. By adopting a few simple ideas starting in February, this year could turn out to be a major milestone for your heart.
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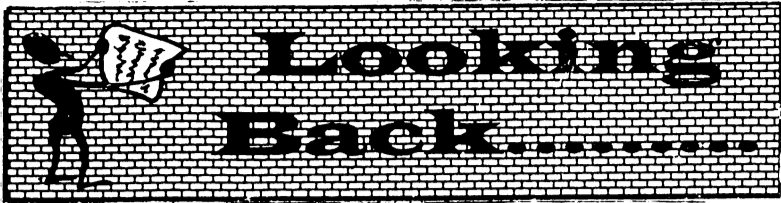
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SIXTY YEARS AGO
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Within the next two weeks, The Observer will move its plant from its present location in Fulton to the building in Kewanna which Loyd Woolington and crew have been preparing for the last month. The new location in Kewanna is being shared with Dr. Paul Heinsen, veterinarian.

George C. House, 92, died last Friday at the Rochester Nursing Home. He was a resident of Kewanna for 21 years and a retired C&O station agent. Survivors include a son, Leslie, of Kewanna.

Mother Nature really tore things up last Sunday night when an ice storm hit this part of the country. Telephone and power lines and poles were strewn all over the landscape. The damage is estimated at over \$100,000 and total repairs will not be completed for about another month.

Alpha Hoesel announced today that he will run for re-election as state representative from the second district (Fulton and Pulaski counties) on the Republican ticket.

Robert E. Poenix, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was involved in an automobile accident last Thursday in Logansport. Only slight damage was done in the mishap which was blamed on slippery pavement.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
February 17, 1955

Linda Ingram, a freshman at Texas Christian University, has been named to the honor roll for the fall semester, which ended January 31. A graduate of Kewanna High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Ingram, Kewanna.

Mrs. Alice Miller, 86, widow of William C. Miller, died Saturday at the Rochester Nursing Home.

She had been an invalid for ten years. Services were held at 1:30 Monday at the Kewanna Methodist Church with Rev. Frank Briggs officiating. Survivors include a son, Robert, Rt. 3, Kewanna.

A 1952 Ford driven by Richard M. Brown, Kewanna, and a 1948 Studebaker driven by David Foust, Rt. 1, Kewanna, were involved in an accident on State Road 14 Thursday night. Foust came up over a grade behind another auto, applied his brakes and skidded across the road into the Brown auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Showley, Kewanna, entertained 17 neighbors and friends Saturday evening at a Valentine party. Games, contests and refreshments were in keeping with Valentine's Day.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
February 18, 1960

The old brick blacksmith shop on north Logan Street was dismantled Monday morning to make space for the new, modern service station to be erected by Lester Shidaker. Shidaker hopes to have the station completed and in operation by Decoration Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldrith W. Cook of Rt. 3, Rochester, announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Kay Cook, to Richard Wayne Holiday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holiday, Rt. 2, Kewanna. The bride-elect is a 1958 graduate of Richland Center High School. Her fiancé is a 1954 graduate of Grass Creek High School and is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woolever, Rt. 1, Walton, announced the engagement of their daughter, Wilma Rose, to LaVon R. Hasman, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swartz, Rt. 3, Kewanna. Miss Woolever is a graduate of Washington

Township High School and Ball State Teachers College. She teaches home economics at Kewanna High School. Her fiancé is a graduate of Kewanna High School and the Air Traffic Control Specialist School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He served four years with the U.S. Air Force. He is presently employed at KLK Manufacturing in Logansport.

World has been received that Sgt. Joe Collins was injured Monday, February 8, when a hoist on which he was working fell. He is in the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp LaJeune, North Carolina.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
February 18, 1965

Two cars on a Pennsylvania railroad train traveling from Logansport to South Bend derailed at 3 a.m. Friday a mile north of Kewanna tearing up three-quarters of a mile of track. Kewanna marshal Aron Ousley said the two cars were the last on the train.

Dallas O. Dawson II, grandson of Mrs. Mary Ware, Rt. 2, Kewanna, is one of two young men from the second district to receive principal appointments to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point by Congressman Charles Halleck, Rensselaer Republican.

Mrs. Laural Blanche Scott, 82, Winamac, died at 4 p.m. Saturday at her home. She was a sister of Mrs. Newton Rude, Kewanna.

Mrs. Pauline Van Meter, Rt. 2, Kewanna, a unit sales manager for Stanley Home Products, was among the top 49 sales leaders attending a seminar at the firm's home office the week of January 31.

The instrumental music department at Kewanna competed in a contest Saturday, January 30, at Monon. Receiving superior ratings were Kevin Smith, Dice Evans, Corky Heiden, Janet Evers, Gwen Clyde, John Anderson, Diane Hott, Jon Rans, Larry Donathen, Barbara Byfield, Gene Ley, David Hassenplug, Debbie Cessna, Charles Walters, Diane Evers, Greg Agnew, Eric Zuck, Tom Troutman, Dan Hassenplug, Philip Hunter, John Briney, Terri Hamman, Shirley Hoff, Katrina Cook, Curtis Menk, Linda Hubeny, Don Reason, Dinah Gilliland, Gary Byfield, Tom Garner, Betty Walters and Mike

Clyde.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
February 21, 1980

The Kewanna Progressive Association met Monday evening in the basement of St. Ann's Catholic Church for its annual banquet and to honor Dr. K. K. Kraning. Dr. Kraning's office staff, Lera McKinney, Naomi Mills and Charlotte Robbins, were present to make

comments on his 45 years as a physician in Kewanna. Harry Richter, association president, presented a plaque to Dr. Kraning.

The second semester nursery school will start Tuesday, March 4, at the Kewanna United Methodist Church. Kenan Bitterling will be teaching the class.

Fae Culp, a former Kewanna resident now residing in the

Masonic Home in Franklin, was presented with a 75-year pin Sunday. The pin was awarded by Ann Eastham, Worthy Grand Matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Fae celebrated her 94th birthday February 2.

Barb Hickle was hostess when the local New Idea Club met for its February meeting. Kenan

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Caston School Corporation

2009 Report

CASTON SCHOOL CORPORATION, FULTON 2650

INDICATOR	Corporation Results				State Results
	'06-07	'07-08	'08-09	'09-10	
Student Enrollment	825	772	785	804	1,047,119
Total Expenditure Per Pupil Three-Year Average	\$8,100	\$8,800	\$9,200		\$10,700
Percent Academic Achievement Expenditures	55	56			53
Percent Instructional Support Expenditures	8	6			7
Percent Overhead and Operational Expenditures	25	26			22
Percent Nonoperating Expenditures	15	11			17
Teacher Salary Range, Minimum	\$30,245	\$30,812	\$32,313		\$24,133
Teacher Salary Range, Maximum	\$50,959	\$51,915	\$53,235		\$84,686
Percent of Students in Special Education	15.9	17.0	16.7		17.5
Percent of Students in Gifted and Talented Education	10	15	12		14
Percent of Instruction Delivered Through Vocational Education	3.6	3.6	4.2		4.6
Percent of Students Receiving Free Lunches/Textbooks	33	38	39		44
Percent Limited English Proficiency Students	.1		.6		4.2
Total ISTEP+ Remediation Funding	\$10,958	\$13,139	\$12,944		
Intra District Mobility	0	0	0		2.2
Inter District Mobility	6.7	12.3	11.5		4

Corporation Goals for Expenditure Categories in Indiana Code 20-42.5-3-5

Corporation Expenditure Goals for School Year 2009-2010 have been set as follows:

- Student Academic Achievement Expenditures - 60%
- Student Instructional Support Expenditures - 8%
- Overhead and Operational Expenditures - 22%
- Non-Operational Expenditures - 10%

Caston Jr-Sr High Sch, Fulton 2159

INDICATOR	School Results				State Results
	'06-07	'07-08	'08-09	'09-10	
Student Enrollment	389	347	354	385	
Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	81	85	76		81
Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	63	73	71		69
Grade 7 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Science Standard	68	69	65		57
Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard	70	80	79		75
Grade 8 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Language Arts Standard	57	73	60		68
Percent of 8th Graders Enrolled in Algebra I	24.5	31.1	21.1		25.1
Grade 10 Percent Passing GQE Math Standard	57	59	62		65
Grade 10 Percent Passing GQE Language Arts Standard	58	66	67		68
Grade 10 Percent Passing Both GQE Standards	47	49	55		58
Percent of graduates who have passed Indiana's GQE	90	89	87		93
Percent of graduates granted waivers for the GQE	10	11	13		7
Percent of 11th and 12th Graders Taking Adv Placement Tests	9	6	15		17
Percent of AP Tests with Score of 3, 4, or 5	10	0	3		46
SAT Average Score	919	871	917		1003
Percent of 12th Graders Taking SAT	53	56	42		49
Percent Academic Honors Diplomas	26	16	29		31
Percent Core 40 Diplomas	68	62	75		74
Number of International Baccalaureate Diplomas					79
Percent of Graduates Pursuing College Education	64	69	78		76
Graduation Rate	73.5	61.6	73.3		81.5
Attendance Rate	94.6	94.5	94.3		96.1
Number of Students with More Than 10 Unexcused Days Absent	13	7	2		
Number of Students Retained in 9th Grade	11	11	4		
Number of Students who have Dropped Out	18	4	10		
Number of Students Suspended	39	40	35		
Number of Students Expelled	0	6	4		
Number of Expulsions and Suspensions Involving Drugs, Weapons, or Alcohol	1	3	2		

Caston Elementary School, Fulton 2157

Table with 6 columns: INDICATOR, '06-07, '07-08, '08-09, '09-10, State Results. Rows include Student Enrollment, Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard, etc.

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Bitterling, Jill Leazenby and Jean Urbin are in charge of purchasing a basic medical kit for the local school.

The Kewanna-Winamac area has a new Parents without Partners chapter. The acting officers are Harry Harris, president; Harold Montgomery, vice president; Marie Dimmock, secretary; Jean Looker, treasurer; and Kathy Ousley, membership director.

LuAnne Phillips and son, Brent, of Fairborn, Ohio, are spending a few days this week with her mother, Beulah Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew of here and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Agnew of Kokomo spent Friday evening at Sycamore Village Health Center helping their mother, Bessie Agnew, celebrated her 92nd birthday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO February 15, 1990

Funeral services were held at

10:30 a.m. today (Thursday) in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Ray R. Crabb, 87, Kewanna. A retired meat cutter, he had worked at Gillespie's and Johnson's Shop in Kewanna...

Judge Douglas B. Morton has announced the filing of his candidacy for re-election as Judge of the Fulton Circuit Court. Donna Jarrette Polly has announced that she will seek the Republican nomination for Fulton County recorder in the May 8 primary election.

The local fire department responded to a call at the post office Saturday morning. The clerk on duty stated that he had been smelling fumes all morning which appeared electrical in nature. A quick investigation was instituted and the source was found to be ballast in a fluorescent light fixture located in the post office lobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bangel, Indianapolis, are the parents of a son, Kevin Lee. The baby was born January 26 and weighed eight pounds and one ounce. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangel, Rt. 1, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ritz, Munster, are the parents of a son born February 6 in Northwestern Hospital, Chicago. The baby weighed six pounds and 12 ounces and has been named Brian Michael. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walsh, Rt. 2, Kewanna, are the baby's maternal grandparents. Mrs. Kerry Walsh, Rt. 2, Kewanna, is the maternal great-grandmother.

2009 School Corporation Annual Performance Report

General Explanations

This is a report on the performance of schools and school corporations (districts) in your area. The goal is to give you information to tell you what progress schools are making to help students learn more.

There are additional indicators that are available to you on the Indiana Department of Education's Web site (www.doe.in.gov/schooldata). Including data broken out by different student subgroups, such as race, gender, income level and special education.

The data in this report have been supplied by the Indiana Department of Education and local school corporations. The report provides the most recent data available.

Indiana educators and citizens have developed higher academic standards for all students. These standards are necessary to prepare Indiana students to be successful in life, whether they go directly to higher education or to the workplace. The scores for ISTEP+ are listed under each school to reflect student progress toward those standards. For high schools, you also will see graduation rates and the percentage of graduates who plan to go on to college.

Other important information is provided, such as average attendance rates and indicators of school safety, including expulsions and suspensions.

Also included is information about your school corporation, such as how much is spent, on average, for gifted and talented; how much teachers are paid; and the percentage of corporation students who are in special education classes or for special education classes.

If you have any questions about this information, you should contact your local school corporation or contact the Department of Education at 317-234-5585 or by e-mail at apr@doe.in.gov.

SAMPLE CHART I School Corporation (District) Data

Table showing Indiana School Corporation 8800 performance data. Columns: INDICATOR, '06-07, '07-08, '08-09, '09-10, State Results. Rows include Student Enrollment, Total Expenditure Per Pupil, etc.

SAMPLE CHART II School Data

Table for Indiana High School, 0001. Columns: INDICATOR, '06-07, '07-08, '08-09, '09-10, State Results. Rows include Student Enrollment, Grade 10 Percent Passing GQE Math Standard, etc.

Table for Indiana Middle School, 0002. Columns: INDICATOR, '06-07, '07-08, '08-09, '09-10, State Results. Rows include Student Enrollment, Grade 6 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard, etc.

Table for Indiana Elementary School, 0003. Columns: INDICATOR, '06-07, '07-08, '08-09, '09-10, State Results. Rows include Student Enrollment, Grade 3 Percent Passing ISTEP+ Math Standard, etc.

Explanation of School Corporation (District) Data (see chart I)

The following indicators show you the performance of your school corporation. Where possible, you will see three years of data so you can see the trends — not just this year's results. For many indicators, you can see how your school corporation's data compare to the state average.

- A Number of students enrolled in the corporation or school.
B How much the school corporation is spending, on average, for each student.
C Percentage of total spending for Academic Achievement. (data not yet available for 08-09)
D Percentage of total spending for Instructional Support. (data not yet available for 08-09)
E Percentage of total spending for Overhead and Operational. (data not yet available for 08-09)
F Percentage of total spending for Nonoperating. (data not yet available for 08-09)
G Minimum teacher salary paid by the school corporation.
H Maximum teacher salary paid by the school corporation.
I The percentage of students (including non-public students) who are receiving special education services.
J The percentage of students in the school corporation who are enrolled in gifted and talented education.
K Percentage of total instructional hours delivered through vocational education classes.
L The percentage of students who receive free or reduced-price lunches or free textbooks because of their family income level.
M Students whose inability to speak and understand English prevents them from participating fully in a standard educational program.
N The number of dollars the school corporation receives for remedial programs through a state ISTEP+ formula.
O The percentage of students who moved from one school to another in the same school corporation.
P The percentage of students who moved from one school to another in a different school corporation.

Explanation of School Data (see chart II)

The following indicators show you the performance, particularly the academic performance, of individual schools in each school corporation in your area. Many of the indicators came from the ISTEP+. Where possible, you will see three years of data so you can see the trends — not just this year's results. For many indicators, you can see how a school's data compare to the state average.

- 1 The percentage of 10th graders who passed the mathematics portion of the GQE on the first attempt.
2 The percentage of 10th graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the GQE on the first attempt.
3 The percentage of 10th graders who passed both portions of the GQE on the first attempt.
4 The percent of graduates who have passed Indiana's GQE are students granted diplomas who completed all of their courses and passed the GQE test. The percent of graduates granted waivers are students granted diplomas who completed all of their courses and were granted a waiver by their school.
5 The percentage of 11th and 12th graders who took the Advanced Placement examinations.
6 The percentage of Advanced Placement examinations with a score of at least 3 (on a 5point scale).
7 The average score high school seniors received on the SAT. The highest possible score is 1600.
8 The percentage of high school seniors who took the SAT.
9 The percentage of high school seniors who received Academic Honors Diplomas when they graduated.
10 The percentage of high school seniors who received diplomas indicating they had completed Core 40 requirements, but did not complete academic honors.
11 The number of students who received International Baccalaureate Diplomas when they graduated.
12 The percentage of high school graduates who say they plan to pursue a college education.
13 The published graduation rate is the percentage of students who entered Grade 9 in fall 2005 and graduated in four years or less.
14 The average attendance rate for students in the school.
15 Number of students with more than 10 unexcused days absent.
16 The number of students retained in grade 9.
17 The number of students who dropped out of school.
18 The number of students suspended out-of-school during the school year.
19 The number of students expelled during the school year.
20 The number of out-of-school expulsions and suspensions made for offenses that involved drugs, weapons, or alcohol.
21 The percentage of 6th graders who passed the mathematics portion of the ISTEP+.
22 The percentage of 6th graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the ISTEP+.
23 The percentage of 7th graders who passed the mathematics portion of the ISTEP+.
24 The percentage of 7th graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the ISTEP+.
25 The percentage of 7th graders who passed the science portion of the ISTEP+.
26 The percentage of 8th graders who passed the mathematics portion of the ISTEP+.
27 The percentage of 8th graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the ISTEP+.
28 The percentage of 8th graders taking Algebra 1.
29 The percentage of 3rd graders who passed the mathematics portion of the ISTEP+.
30 The percentage of 3rd graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the ISTEP+.
31 The percentage of 4th graders who passed the mathematics portion of the ISTEP+.
32 The percentage of 4th graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the ISTEP+.
33 The percentage of 5th graders who passed the mathematics portion of the ISTEP+.
34 The percentage of 5th graders who passed the English/language arts portion of the ISTEP+.
35 The percentage of 5th graders who passed the science portion of the ISTEP+.
36 The average class size—number of students per teacher—at this elementary school.

Teacher salary information is based on actual salaries reported to the Department of Education on the Certified Employee Report. Current salary ranges were not available to the Department of Education for use in this report.

In 2009, Indiana changed to spring testing in Grades 3 - 8. Results for the new test are available by going to http://www.doe.in.gov/data/ and entering the school number that appears in the Annual Performance Report.

The Grade 10 Graduation Qualifying Examination, was last administered in fall 2008. Results from the new test of course assessments in Algebra I, Biology I, and English 11 will be published online and in the 2010 Annual Performance Report.

Letter To The Editor

The rumors you have been hearing are true. Linda Hawken and I will no longer be at the Kewanna Library. This letter serves as my official resignation.

For the past year, suggested by our friends and my doctors for health reasons, so I am. My last day will be Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010. I will continue to write for The Observer; Joe and Karen have always supported me and understand when I need to take time off to deal with health issues. I will also spend time caring for my munchkins (the best nurses I have ever had) and finishing the work on my college degree. I will miss everyone that I met while working at the library. Hopefully, I will see most of you around town or at the ball park this summer.

Julie Brown

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BY THE WAY.....

Karen J. Good

We returned last weekend from ten days in the "sunny (?) south" - now I need a vacation! (You'll understand why a little later.)

We worked overtime on Monday and Tuesday so we could get *The Observer* in the mail early Wednesday morning and set our sights for Orlando, Florida where Joe's uncle, Ronnie Hamman, had a condo reserved for two weeks.

We stopped at our favorite breakfast spot in Logansport - Bull Shippers - and headed on south. We didn't make another stop until mid-afternoon in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. Traffic on I-65 wasn't bad, but it seemed semi traffic was heavier than in recent times. I thought that was maybe a good sign for our economy until I read an article in *USA Today* that the index used for measuring the trucking industry was way down for January. This means that the demand for goods and materials is down. The article didn't say, but perhaps this is not real unusual for January - even in good times.

We weren't sure how far we would get our first day out as we normally don't like to travel after dark, especially in unfamiliar terrain. But, we had an unabridged book on tape from the local library and Joe's back and hip weren't bothering him so we kept on keeping on.

Jack and Jean Urbin had told us about a little town 10 miles off of I-24 in Tennessee that they thought we would enjoy so we ended up making that our

destination for the day. The town is called Bell Buckle and according to the 2000 census it has a population of 391.

Bell Buckle was established in 1852, a railroad village that now boasts restored Victorian homes and churches and is known for its antiques, quilts, handmade crafts, country music, home cooking and Southern hospitality. Thousands of visitors are drawn to Bell Buckle each year to visit the shops and eateries. The town is also home to the Webb School, a private coeducational college preparatory boarding and day school founded in 1870. It has been called the finest preparatory school in the South. Under the founder Sawney Webb's leadership, the school produced more Rhodes Scholars than any other secondary school in the U.S. The school began to establish a reputation for academic excellence after Vanderbilt University was founded in 1875 and Webb School's "oldest and best boys" enrolled. The only Vanderbilt students who took honors in their examinations at the end of the university's first year were Webb graduates.

It was after closing time for most of the shops by the time we arrived in town. However, one antique shop was still open so we made a quick run through. I made a purchase - I'm sure it is not really an antique but it met three of my criteria. It was porcelain (not plastic), it was blue, and it was under \$10.

We enjoyed our evening meal at the Bell Buckle Café complete with red checked table coverings, red plaid curtains, courteous waitresses and delicious food. I was amazed at the amount of customers considering this is probably off season for tourists. I did notice the community was getting ready for a big Valentine's Day celebration.

It was completely dark when we made our way through the rolling countryside back to the interstate. The truck traffic was making me a little nervous about this time. As the roadway became steeper and curvier, the signage limited truckers to 30-40 miles per hour and instructed them to use the right lane. But - the road for "run away" trucks exited on the left. That didn't make sense to me. Hopefully, if the need to use the runaway lanes arises, there won't be any traffic in the other lanes!

We soon stopped for the night at Kimball, Tennessee, not too far from Chattanooga.

We were up and on the road again about 7:45 a.m. (our time). We passed several points of interest I would have liked to explore - historic sites, parks, etc. - but that will have to wait until another time.

Ronnie called shortly after we got on the road to see where we were and told us Sherry Anderson and her friend, Kathy, had arrived the night before. Not very many people know my cell phone number so the phone call gave me a start!

We were soon into Georgia where we started seeing pecan groves. I suppose I've seen them before, but I had forgotten how big the trees are. I understand they shake the trees to harvest the nuts.

Traveling through Atlanta was a real experience, as usual. Traffic was pretty heavy (at least to my estimation), it was raining and visibility was poor. We both breathed a sigh of relief when we got out in open country again. We started seeing a lot of peach orchards and noticed cotton fields that had not been harvested. I assume the area got too much rain during harvest season and they were unable to get the crop in before spoilage set in. How does the saying go - "when the cotton balls get rotten you can't pick very much cotton"!

We hit the Florida state line about 2:00 - had another phone call from Ronnie to see where we were. One thing we noticed as we were traveling was the number of automobile transports on the road. We met one about

every 20-30 minutes. The last time we traveled any distance on the interstate we hardly saw any at all. Hopefully, this is a sign that car sales are picking up a little. We were also watching the temperature climb as we headed south. By the time we arrived in Orlando, it was 75 degrees. Unfortunately, that was the only day the temp climbed that high

while we were there. Most days it only reached the 60s, but that was a welcome change from here.

We arrived in Orlando shortly before Ronnie's granddaughter, Amanda, arrived from Tampa where she is a student at the University of South Florida. Ronnie's son, Scott, who lives at Viera and works in Orlando, was also visiting. After we were all gathered in, we went out to eat at a nearby steak house.

Friday, Sherry and Kathy headed on south. Scott returned and he, Joe and Ronnie headed for the links. Amanda spent some time doing homework and I read. I had taken three books along for that purpose. About mid-afternoon, Amanda and I went looking for a Colt's jersey she wanted for her Super Bowl party. We didn't have any luck. I wish I would have known she wanted one, they were plentiful around here. Amanda is an amazing young lady. Many of you will remember that she was severely injured a couple years ago in an automobile accident. She held onto life by a thread for quite some time. Along with her college courses, she is involved in an internship with a foundation that furnishes Habitat for Humanity homes. They don't furnish all habitat homes, I think she said just one in 25 and the recipients have to go through an application/selection process which she is a part of. She also gets to shop for the furnishings. She notes it is real rewarding when the new home owners see their new digs for the first time! The foundation will soon be furnishing its 1,000th home and a big celebration is being planned. Former President Jimmy Carter has been asked to be a part of the celebration due to his work with Habitat for

Humanity. Amanda is really excited about the prospect of meeting and working with him.

Saturday morning, Ronnie, Joe and I were up at o-dark- one hundred (4:30 a.m.) so they could make the hour's drive to Scott's house and then the golf course. I stayed up, watched TV, and read. Amanda slept in as she had gone to a concert the night before. About noon we headed out again in search of a Colt's jersey. This time we were successful. We then headed east to Viera (Rockledge) to Scott and Elena's house. Scott had arranged to play 18 holes in the morning and 18 holes in the afternoon. His elders decided that was a bit much for them so they returned to Scott's. Amanda went on to visit with her mother while Ronnie, Elena, Joe and I visited a flea market and took a drive along the coast. Elena and I walked along the beach for a short distance, but it was too cool and windy to stay out very long. In the evening, Amanda picked up Scott at the golf course and they, along with another of Scott's daughters, Cassandra, met the rest of us for dinner. Ronnie, Joe and I stayed the night with Scott and Elena.

Continued Next Week

Public Notice

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the tax payers of the Town of Kewanna, Fulton County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at The Town Hall, at 7 o'clock p.m., on the 2nd day of March, 2010.

PUBLIC SAFETY:
Other Services & Charges.....\$4,000.00
Capital Outlays.....\$13,192.00
Total Public Safety.....\$17,192.00
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.
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Jenny Kay, Clerk-Treasurer
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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Don and Pauline Scales had several visitors the first three days of February. Stopping by Monday, Feb. 1, for a chat was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton. The following day, their daughter, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester came over for some family catching-up. Wednesday, Feb. 3, their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden of Columbia City, arrived with lunch for an afternoon of visiting.

Helen Miller and her daughters, Sandra Blume and Judy Scott, traveled to the South Bend airport Thursday, Feb. 4. They made the trip to pick up Helen's son, Ron Miller, who had flown in from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Ron will be staying with Helen for a month.

Linda Garner was in Twelve Mile Friday evening, Feb. 5. She picked up her grandson, Trey Young, for an overnight visit.

Janel Norris and her brother, David Norris, spent last weekend antiquing with a purpose. They are searching for a circa 1870s "servant's bed" for the Glessner House Museum in Chicago, which is opening more and more of the H. H. Richardson-designed residences to the public as funds become available for ongoing restoration. Janel went east to Roann and the siblings combed Rochester, Logansport and Delphi as well. Such simple furniture was seldom cherished as heirlooms, and has largely disappeared. It's hoped something suitable may turn up in more rural areas. While in Delphi, Janel and David had a wonderful visit with their longtime friend, Ralph Porter, who now resides at the St. Elizabeth health care facility. Ralph, who just turned 95, is legendary for his knowledge of 19th century hand tools, and still retains his sense of humor and courtly charm. A return visit is planned for the near future.

Sandra Blume returned home to Fallbrook, California Saturday, Feb. 6. She had spent the previous month visiting with her mother, Helen Miller.

Barb and Jon Gast had a busy day Sunday, Feb. 7. After church, they were joined by their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon. The foursome enjoyed dinner at Alejandro's restaurant in Rochester before returning to the Gasts' home for a visit. In the evening, Barb and Jon were joined by their daughter and son-in-law, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans, for a small Super Bowl party.

Florence Hogan had a couple of callers Sunday. Coming up for a family visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette.

Ray and Beth Weller had a couple of visitors Sunday afternoon. Coming over for a short visit were their daughter and son-in-law, Randy and Steve Neidig.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Rochester Monday evening, Feb. 8. They enjoyed supper and visiting with friends at the VFW post.

Jerry and Kay Brown had company Thursday, Feb. 11. In the afternoon, Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac, and her sister, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg, stopped by for a visit.

Don and Pauline Scales had a visitor Thursday. Stopping by in the afternoon to deliver a few groceries and enjoy a family chat was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Tom LaFollette was in Rochester Thursday evening. He helped Beth Larson with the pizza dinner at the VFW post. (Barb was babysitting.)

Jerry Brown and his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Mick Brown, traveled to Rochester Thursday evening. They had an exciting time watching Jerry's granddaughter, Kaelee Smith, play basketball with her 8th grade team.

Tom and Linda Garner had company Friday, Feb. 12. Stopping by were their daughter and her family, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zachary and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso. Also arriving for a visit were the Garners' daughter and her daughters, Missy Young, Brianna and Kaylyn of Twelve Mile. The four younger ones remained throughout the weekend with their grandparents.

Tom and Barb LaFollette and their granddaughter and great-grandson, Shelby and Eli, were at the Rochester VFW post Friday evening. They enjoyed supper and visiting with friends. Among the six entries that were offered were smelt, prime rib and wall-eye.

Pauline and Don Scales had houseguests over the weekend. Staying with them for a Valentine's Day visit were their grandson, Eric Koontz, and his fiancée, Nicole, of Muncie.

Ethan and Owen Sutton of Goshen were the guests of honor at a gathering of friends and family Saturday, Feb. 13. The event was in honor of their birthdays and hosted by their parents, Kara and Doug Sutton. It was held at the Wellness Center in Rochester.

Don and Pauline Scales, Eric Koontz, and Nicole had company Saturday. Coming over in the afternoon for a visit were Eric's mother, Phyllis Koontz of

Rochester, and his niece, Ally Wiese.

Wilma Wilson was treated to two holiday dinners over the weekend. One meal was compliments of her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne, and the other was by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were the guests of honor at a family gathering Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of their birthdays and hosted by their daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester. Helping them mark the event with dinner at Mama's

Pizza were the Evers' sons, Gary Evers of Michigan City and Robert Evers; their son and his family, Brian and Kandi Evers, Lauren and Amanda; their granddaughter and her husband, Andrea and Peter Konchak of Indianapolis; and their granddaughter and her daughter, Rachel Evers and Hailey of Lafayette.

Ray and Beth Weller attended a boys' basketball game Saturday afternoon. They had a fun time watching their great-grandson, Riley, play for the Rochester team.

Kay and Jerry Brown, Mark Brown and Mike Brown traveled to Hagerstown Saturday. They were attending the Hagerstown vs. Connersville high school boys' basketball game. (Kay and Jerry's son, Kerry, is coach for Connersville, the winners of the game.) Afterward, the group dined at Welliver's Cafeteria.

The members of the Kewanna Church of Christ enjoyed a Valentine's Day party Sunday, Feb. 14.

Earl and Mary Bangel were treated to a Valentine's Day dinner by their son and his family, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce, Sunday in Winamac. Afterward, the group traveled to Pulaski and visited with Jean's mother and brother, Elsie Scheffer and Chuck.

Barb and Tom LaFollette and their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester, were in Kokomo Sunday. They had a wonderful time helping Barb's brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Judy Eikenberry, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The event,

which was attended by many friends and family, was held at the Judson Baptist Church.

Katelyn Jenkins was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and held in the community room of the local fire station. The theme for the party was Hannah Montana.

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