



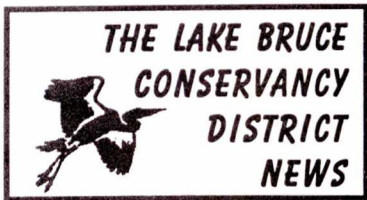
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The Lake Bruce Conservancy District held its annual meeting Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. Directors present included Gerald Porter, Brad Glasson, Rick Tompos and Don Morning as well as nine freeholders and one guest.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as was the treasurer's report.

Chairman Porter covered the correspondence for the month. Along with the regular bills, the conservancy district received an annual statement of loan account and taxable grant 1099 from Rural Development. Porter also gave a legal update on some of the properties that have not complied with the sewer ordinances. These cases are currently in the hands of the Fulton County Board of Health and the district's attorney.

Richard Denney, wastewater treatment plant operator, reported that the plant is running very well despite the low flow and cold temperatures. There were no violations for the month of January. There have been some equipment issues and AERO-MOD is looking into the possible solutions. Paul Bradley reported one sewer disconnect for the month.

Treasurer Rick Tompos gave the sewer billing report and stated new coupon books were mailed January 26. He reported that 273.55 EDU's and 13 vacant lots were billed for January. Forty-seven delinquent bills and 27 liens were processed. Tompos submitted, and the board approved, a resolution to make Director Brad Glasson a signor for the sewer revenue account, formally name him assistant treasurer and require a full report to the directors every month.

The 2010 election results were submitted by the poll clerks, Richard Skyer, Milton Poston and Fred Gilsinger. The successful candidate for District 1 was Paul Bradley who received 29 votes over Don Morning who received 16 votes. The successful candidate in District 2 was Gerald Porter, who ran unopposed. The conservancy district thanks Don Morning for his service in completing the remaining portion of Norm Steigely's four-year term. The oath of office was administered to the newly elected directors by Rick Tompos. The last order of business was election of officers for 2010. Officers elected include Gerald Porter, chairman; Paul Bradley, vice chairman; Kathy Fisher, secretary; Rick Tompos, treasurer; and Brad Glasson, assistant treasurer.

The board will not meet in March. The next meeting will be April 8 at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station.

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Benefit supper Saturday

A benefit supper of chili soup and ham and beans will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, February 27, in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church 111 E. Pearl Street. The cost of the meal is a free will donation. A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the supper. Proceeds will go to Janice Hogan Graham, Kewanna, to help with medical expenses.

Local residents who would like to contribute items for the bake sale may take them to the church Saturday afternoon.

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FSA election results

Orville Haney, a grain, livestock and dairy farmer from Henry Township, was recently elected as a member of the county committee for the Fulton County Farm Service Agency. The recent elections were held to select a new committee member from the local administrative area of Henry, Newcastle and Richland townships. FSA county committees oversee the operation of local FSA offices and the administration of numerous federal farm programs. Haney is a sixth generation member of his family-owned and -operated farm. He was elected to a three-year term. Jacob H. Riffle and Ross Fear were also elected to the committee as first and second alternates.

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Caston finishes season 16-4

The Caston varsity boys' basketball team finished regular season play by winning four out of their last six games to give them a 16-4 record.

A last second three-point shot by Alex Herd secured a 49-47 win over Winamac Tuesday evening. The Comets were winless until defeating Argos, Manchester, Wabash and Winamac.

Herd finished the night with a game-high 21 points, including 7 of 9 from the 3-point line. Wes Rigney had 20 points for the Comets. Eleven of Caston's 14 field goals were from the 3-point line. The Comets led the entire game until the Warriors went on a 10-0 run in the final quarter to take a 44-39 lead.

Caston will take on Tri-County at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in opening round action of the sectional at Tri-County.

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Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, will be hosting a teleconference on Cancer and End-of-Life Care Wednesday, March 24, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the new addition classrooms A and B. This teleconference is free and open to the public. Continuing education is available. For more information or to register, call Jason See at 574-224-1267. Registrations are due by March 19.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, March 1, in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The agenda will include reports from the highway department, sheriff's department, emergency management, emergency medical service and the 2010 census.

Fulton County taxpayers could save \$7,726 per election by implementing vote centers, according to a recent study by the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute. Secretary of State Todd Rokita is touting the fiscal benefits of vote centers. Vote centers are a high-tech alternative to traditional precinct-based elections. Once a county adopts vote centers, local election officials replace precinct voting with multiple centers strategically placed in various locations around the county and any voter can visit any center and receive the correct ballot on Election Day.

The Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program in the amount of \$70,376. The funds will be used to purchase extrication equipment and turn out gear, among other things.

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels remarked over the weekend that he might consider a presidential run in 2012. But, for now he notes he will concentrate on Indiana for the remainder of his four-year term.

The Winamac Lady Warriors defeated Garrett, 49-44, and Westview, 41-29, Saturday to win the Culver regional Saturday. The team will compete in semistate play next Saturday at Warsaw.

Michael Robert Hobbs, Lucerne, was killed when the truck he was driving crossed the center line on U.S. 35 north of Galveston Saturday morning striking the left front portion of a Logansport school bus. The bus was carrying students to a dance competition in Westfield. None of the bus passengers were seriously injured.

Indiana deer hunters took a total of 132,752 deer during 2009, a record harvest. In 2008, deer hunters killed 129,748 deer, which was also a record.

Living History Faire, Feb. 27-28

The third annual Living History Faire (also known as an indoor rendezvous) will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28, at the Fulton County Museum. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The museum is located four miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. Admission is \$1.

Over 20 craftsmen and purveyors of trade goods will offer pre-1890 items for sale, while dressed in historic clothing. Trade goods are similar to those sold at the Trail of Courage and some of the same vendors will be present. Trade goods include leather, beads, jewelry, dream catchers, moccasins, furs, wood products, blacksmith items, pottery, historic clothing, candle lanterns, walking sticks, knives, powder horns, etc. Historic books and patterns will also be available for sale.

The faire gives attendees a chance to see what traders have at the bigger festivals such as the Redbud Trail and Rendezvous April 24 and 25 and the Trail of Courage Sept. 18 and 19 and not have to walk a mile to see everything.

Food will also be available, prepared in the museum kitchen.

There is room for more traders. Contact the Fulton County Historical Society at 574-223-4436 if you are interested. Tables rent for \$10 each and must be skirted to the floor with a quilt and Indian blanket.

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Antique show and sale, March 12 & 13

Mental Health America of Fulton County is sponsoring its 12th annual antique show and sale Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, at the Fulton County Historical Museum located on U.S. 31, north of Rochester. Friday hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.

An early buyers show will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11. Admission is \$5 and is good for all three days.

Appraisal services will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The cost of appraisals is the cost of admission plus \$5 for the first item and \$1 for each additional item with a limit of four items.

Food will be available from Mental Health America of Fulton County.

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Volunteers honored during American Red Cross Month

A decade into the new century, the American Red Cross continues to build on its core purpose of helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. And for a month each spring, the 129-year-old organization thanks the countless volunteers who have been helping to change lives since 1881.

Every year since 1943, the President of the United States issues a proclamation that designates March as Red Cross Month. The tradition began when Franklin D. Roosevelt appealed to the American public to assist the Red Cross during World War II.

The American Red Cross collected more than 13 million blood donations through the National Blood Donor Service program. Shortly following the war, the Red Cross introduced its National Blood Program for civilians by opening the first blood collection center in Rochester, N.Y.

"We've always been about providing opportunity to help save lives through blood donation," said Sharyn Whitman, CEO for the Indiana-Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "Our strength, then as well as now, lies in the active involvement of people who come forward as volunteers to help meet needs in their community and across the country."

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****All presenting donors at the following blood drives will receive a coupon from Dunkin' Donuts for one free donut.****

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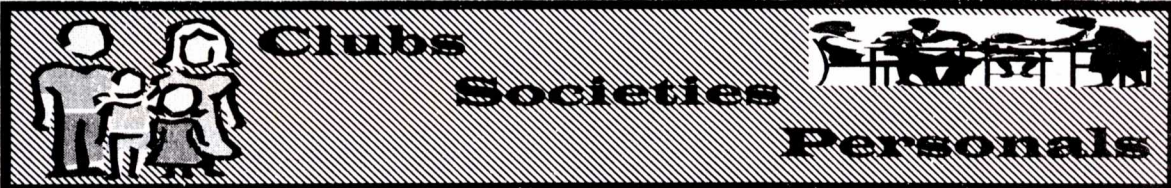
Thursday, March 4, from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Akron United Methodist Church, located at 121 N. Mishawaka in Akron.

How to Donate Blood
To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

- 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.



Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Ford 56th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show: Feb. 19 - 28 in the Pepsi Coliseum, South Pavilion, Toyota Blue Ribbon, West Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. (2/19) 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m.; Fri. (2/26) 1 to 9 p.m. Admission: advance tickets available through 2/18 at Marsh - adults and seniors \$10; children 6-12 \$8; children 5 and younger free; at the door - adults \$12; seniors \$11; children 6-12 \$8; children 5 and younger free; two-day tickets \$20. Contact: Renfro Production & Management (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

19th Annual Indiana Motorcycle Expo: Feb. 25 - 28 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. (2/19) 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs. 3 to 9 p.m.; Fri. (2/26) 1 to 9 p.m. Admission: advance tickets available through 2/18 at Marsh - adults and seniors \$10; children 6-12 \$8; children 5 and younger free; at the door - adults \$12; seniors \$11; children 6-12 \$8; children 5 and younger free; two-day tickets \$20. Contact: Renfro Production & Management (765) 641-7712 or www.renfroproductions.com.

Midwest Reptile Show: Feb. 27 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317) 899-1599 or www.midwestreptile.com.

Murat Shrine Circus: March 4 - 7 in the Pepsi Coliseum, Grand Hall & South Pavilion. Shows: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 - 20. Contact: (317) 635-2433.

Midwest TGIF Fanciers Cat Show: March 6 - 7 in the Northwest Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; seniors \$2.50, children 4 - 11 \$2, family of 5 \$12. Contact: Beth Cassely (636) 532-1573 or www.CFA.org.

15th Annual Chrysler Performance Trade Show & Swap Meet: March 6 - 7 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$10; \$15 for both days; children 12 & younger free. Contact: Jim Hill (317) 862-3724 or www.indyheads.com.

Art, Rubber Stamp & Paper Arts Festival: March 6 - 7 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Sat. \$8 with free Sun. pass; Sun. \$6; children under 12 free; Advance \$6 w/ Sunday pass. Contact: Heirloom Productions (541) 574-8000 or www.heirloompro.com.
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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 1 - Chicken breast with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, cookie, roll and milk

Wednesday, March 3 - Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit salad, wheat bread and milk

Friday, March 5 - Tuna salad, potato soup, peas/carrots, applesauce, crackers and milk
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EASTERN PULASKI MENU March 1 - 5

Elementary Breakfast
Monday - Cereal, graham crackers, juice and milk
Tuesday - Pancakes with cinnamon glaze, juice and milk
Wednesday - Blueberry muffin, string cheese, juice and milk
Thursday - Breakfast bagel, juice and milk
Friday - Biscuit with ham slice, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch
Monday - Three-meat pizza, green beans, applesauce, graham crackers and milk
Tuesday - Macaroni and cheese with ham, peas, pears, soft pretzel and milk
Wednesday - Chicken sandwich, parsley potatoes, peaches, cookie and milk
Thursday - Cheeseburger, fries, pineapple, cake and milk
Friday - Cheese breadsticks, cauliflower with cheese, applesauce, brownie and milk

Middle/High School Lunch
Monday - Chicken barbecue sandwich, potato triangles, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Tuesday - Roasted chicken pizza, corn, applesauce, brownie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Cheeseburger, mixed vegetables, apricots, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, hot roll, orange juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar
Friday - Little Cheese Dippers, California blend vegetables, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
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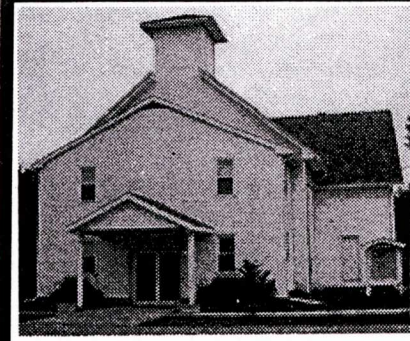
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 Admissions - Karen Johnson, Janet Long and Lowanda See, all of Rochester
 Dismissals - Kathryn Ackerman, Kewanna; Tyrone Stidham, Deborah Thomas, Patricia Thompson and Janet Long, all of Rochester
 February 16
 Admissions - Sherri Brandenburg and John Waltz, Rochester; Carolyn Williams, Peru
 Dismissals - Karen Johnson, Rochester
 February 17
 Admissions - Kadyr Merrill, Rochester; Glen Patton, Argos
 Dismissals - Eugene Secrist, Bourbon
 February 18
 Dismissals - Kadyr Merrill, Rochester
 Births - Matthew and Luz Christina Haussmann, Rochester, a daughter
 February 19
 Admissions - Vicki Stephen and James Funk, Rochester
 Dismissals - Lowanda See and Sherri Brandenburg, Rochester
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DEATHS

JOHN V. HOTT
 Graveside services, with military rites, were held at 1 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2010, in the Moon Cemetery, Kewanna, for John V. Hott, 83, Rochester. Pastor David Webb officiated. Mr. Hott died at 2:25 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2010, at Seton Specialty Hospital in Lafayette.

Born October 16, 1926, in Marshall County, he was the son of the late Milo Hott and Letha (Harris) Hott. He was married November 15, 1947, to Mary Martha Sensibaugh, who survives.

John was part owner of the former Kewanna Implement Company for many years. He was also a farmer and a truck driver who loved his tractors and trucks.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in World War II. He attended Liberty Baptist Church in Rochester.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Hott, Rochester; three sons, John "Jack" Hott and his wife Prudence, Rochester, James Hott and his wife Rebecca, Kewanna, Joseph Hott and his wife Gwen, Kewanna; a daughter, Diane Sheetz, Akron; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Melody Hott, and a son-in-law, David Sheetz.

Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel, was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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VERNA LENORA FAYLOR

Verna Lenora Faylor, 98, Logansport, formerly of Grass Creek, died at 6:19 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

Born June 14, 1911, in Norwalk, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Josephine (Winberg) Peterson. On July 7, 1947, she married Cleo "Sam" H. Faylor, who preceded her in death on February 26, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Genevieve Peterson and Guyneth (Peterson) Hull and brothers, Wesley and Ward Peterson.

Verna was a graduate of Manistee High School and Central State Teachers College in Michigan. She was an

elementary school teacher for 11 years in Manistee County, Michigan, before moving to Grass Creek. Verna was a member of the Norwalk Lutheran Church and her hobbies were music (she played the organ and piano) and sewing. Verna retired from General Tire in Logansport.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Beverly (Peterson) Poyner, Honor, Michigan; Charles Peterson, Kaleva, Michigan; Leonard Peterson, Manistee, Michigan; Phillip Peterson and Wesley Hull, Arcadia, Michigan; and Janet (Hull) Putney and Douglas Hull, Traverse City, Michigan. Also surviving is a cousin, Kenneth Winberg, Manistee, Michigan. She also leaves behind two very dear, caring neighbors and friends, Pauline and Donald Scales, Grass Creek.

Memorials may be made in Verna's honor by visiting a friend or family member

residing in a nursing home. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 27, at the Grass Creek Cemetery. Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna Chapel, was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be met to the family at harrisonmetzger.com.
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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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2008 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING Modern Blue, Power Seat & Doors, Certified Remainder 6/80 Powertrain Warranty	\$19,400
2008 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING Crimson, 45k, Heated Swivel Seats, Certified Remainder 6/80 Powertrain Warranty	\$18,900
2008 DODGE AVENGER RT Brilliant Black, V6, Leather, Heated Seats, Chrome Wheels, Sunroof, 49k, Certified Remainder 6/80 Powertrain Warranty	\$14,900
2008 JEEP PATRIOT 4X4 Sandstone, 28k, Certified Remainder 6/80 Powertrain Warranty	\$15,900
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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO February 24, 1950

James Heater, who has been a driver for the Standard Oil Co. under Harold Hyatt for the past 11 months, will take over the management of the Winamac bulk plant the first of March. Replacing him as second driver here is Donald Reason, previously employed by Fansler Lumber Co., Rochester.

Terry Lee Shaw, 4½ month-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shaw, LaPorte, died Sunday after a few hours' illness. The mother is the former Connie Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elra Hogan of here.

Mrs. Ellen Feidner suffered cracked vertebra, shock and a slight concussion as a result of an automobile accident about ½ mile north of Logansport on State Road 17 Saturday. She and her husband were returning from Lafayette when slick roads caused the car to crash into a cement culvert.

Two Kewanna cars loaded with youngsters who had participated in a music contest in Kokomo were damaged slightly when slick roads caused them to collide on U.S. 31, about three miles north of Kokomo Saturday. The cars were driven by Mrs. Lester Shidaker and Mrs. Raymond Kruger.

Donna Hasman, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swartz, and Carl Heiden, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heiden, all of Kewanna, will be married Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m. in the Kewanna Church of Christ. Rev. Joseph Dux will hear the couple's wedding vows.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO February 24, 1955

Harlan McKinsey will retire February 24 after serving 44½ years with the U.S. Postal Service. He has carried mail on horse back, with horse and road cart, horse and buggy, mud

boat, bobsled, sleigh, milk wagon, motor cycle, on foot, and last but not least the automobile, the first of which was a Model T Ford Roadster costing \$400 cash.

The Heimberger room recently vacated by the Harris Garment Co. on the corner of Main and Logan streets in Kewanna is being redecorated and prepared for the opening of a restaurant by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rhoades. Mrs. Rhoades was formerly a cook at the Coffee Shop.

Doris Kreamer, a senior at Kewanna High School, won first place in the A division at a twirling contest held Saturday at the Butler Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Clifford Vananta, Rt. 2, Kewanna, was elected to his third term on the board of directors when the Marshall-Fulton National Farm Loan Association met for its annual meeting Wednesday, February 16, in Argos.

Woodson Nelson, Kewanna, who has been making his home with Henry Zellers this winter, suffered a stroke Saturday and is now a patient at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

The Prairie Grove HD Club entertained their husbands at a sweetheart party Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller. The evening was spent playing games and watching home movies. Refreshments of ice cream and cake suggestive of Valentine's Day were served.

FIFTY YEARS AGO February 25, 1960

A pack of dogs running loose south of town killed two sheep and injured three others that are not expected to live. The attack occurred at the Raymond Ringler Farm Sunday night or Monday morning. A turkey

belonging to Paul Bauman was also killed by the dogs.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 21, in the First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, for Mrs. Nellie Grace Van Duyne, 76, mother of Donald Van Duyne, Rt. 2, Kewanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Brown, Rt. 1, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter Pfc. Doris Mae to Sp/4 Robert Eugene Cox of Joplin, Missouri. Brown is a 1958 graduate of Kewanna High School and a medical specialist in the WAC at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Marvin Mikesell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver R. Mikesell, Rt. 1, Rochester, was recently promoted to specialist four in Germany where he is a member of the 8th Infantry Division.

Galen Hoover, Kewanna, collapsed in the post office Saturday morning. He was taken to Winamac for treatment and returned home.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO February 25, 1965

Susan Seidel, a freshman at William Woods College, was named to the Achievement List for the past semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Seidel, Kewanna.

Herbert Rhoades, 71, Rt. 3, Kewanna, died Sunday morning at Pulaski Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Kewanna resident Dennis Kelsey is among the 104 Indiana University students who will serve as delegates to the Little United Nations Assembly March 3-6 on the Bloomington campus.

Crustel D. Markley has

returned from a five-day land improvement and drainage contractors short course held at Purdue University February 8-12.

The Fulton Assembly No. 92, Order of Rainbow for Girls, installed Joyce Hizer as its new worthy advisor during a public ceremony at Fulton. Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hizer, Grass Creek.

FORTY YEARS AGO February 26, 1970

Airman Verlin Klinefelter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Klinefelter, Sr., Kewanna, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB in Illinois for training as a fire protection specialist.

Sgt. Phillip D. Smitley, son of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Smitley, Lake Bruce, recently returned from a year's duty in Thailand.

Mrs. Nada Henning, Kewanna, passed away today at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth where she had been a patient for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born Monday, February 18. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lord, St. Louis, Missouri, are the parents of a son born February 20. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces and has been named Steven Robert.

THIRTY YEARS AGO February 28, 1980

Raymond Rentschler, Rt. 1, Rochester, a Democrat, is seeking nomination for a second four-year term as Fulton county commissioner from District No. 1, composed of Liberty and

Wayne Townships.

Roy L. Fisher, 40, Rochester, has announced his candidacy for State Representative from District 22. A graduate of Fulton High School, he served with the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves.

A late winter storm surprised Indiana early Monday morning. By the time the snow abated, many county students were stranded at their schools, and several motorists and workers were forced to find temporary housing for the night. Kewanna students were dismissed at 1 p.m. and with the help of a fire truck and four-wheel drive were safely delivered home. The Caston, Tippy Valley, Rochester and North Miami school corporations did not fare as well and were forced to house several students overnight.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fehrer, Kewanna, at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hyatt of here are the maternal great-grandparents.

Mary Bangel attended a pink and blue shower Sunday afternoon honoring her daughter-in-law, Nancy Bangel of Rochester. The shower was held in the home of a relative in South Bend.

The Kewanna Sunshine Society held its annual Sweetheart dance Friday evening in the school gymnasium. Nola Personett was crowned queen of hearts. Her court included Cheryl James, Anita Fox, Lori Morgan and Lisa Harris.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
February 22, 1990
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1:30 p.m. Monday at the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton, for Leon R. Crippen, 67, Rt. 2, Kewanna. He was a retired equipment supervisor for the Indiana Department of Transportation and a farmer. Survivors include one daughter, Pat Smith, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and two brothers, Leroy, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and Charles, Rochester.

Earl Vance, a Fulton County deputy sheriff for the past 19 years, has filed for the Republican nomination for sheriff.

Evelyn Markley, Kewanna, was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party Saturday evening, February 17, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Birge and family. The guests enjoyed dinner, followed by ice cream and cake and an evening of playing cards, games and socializing.

Mrs. Ron Wheadon and daughter, Goldia Corinn, were the guests of honor at a baby shower held Sunday, February 11, at the Kewanna Church of Christ.

Children and friends gathered Sunday, February 18, to help Rosa MacLain celebrate her 88th birthday.

Garrett Robert Redweik, son of David and Lora Dillman Redweik, Twelve Mile, was baptized January 28 by Pastor Ray Weber at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Denham. He is the grandson of Robert and Millie Redweik, Kewanna.

TEN YEARS AGO
February 24, 2000

Rochester attorney Wayne E. Steele filed Friday to run for the Republican Party's nomination for Judge of the Fulton Superior Court.

Richard Powell, Kewanna, a life-long resident of Fulton County, has filed for the Republican nomination for the District 1 seat on the Fulton County board of commissioners.

The new food pantry located in the Kewanna United Methodist Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon. Pastor Cliff Gano of the Kewanna Church of Christ, Father John Zahn of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rochester, and Rev. Todd Wilson of the Kewanna and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches were instrumental in getting the food pantry up and running.

Lois Doud of Rochester had company recently. Spending the day Saturday, February 12, as her guests were Isabel Brockey, Carol Brockey, Dorothy Chizum, Margaret DeWitt and Mathilda Lamb. The ladies enjoyed a visit over lunch and helped Mathilda celebrate her birthday.

Cindy Young of Winamac was the guest of honor at a party Sunday in celebration of her birthday. The event was hosted by her parents, Bill and Donnabelle Fisher.

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BY THE WAY.....
Karen J. Good

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THE REST OF THE STORY

Sunday morning found us getting up even earlier - 3:30 a.m. - hoping to watch the Endeavour launch. Joe and I toured the Kennedy Space Center years ago and have always talked about trying to witness a launch. I was so excited when I discovered several weeks ago that we were going to be in Florida at the same time as the scheduled launch. Elena was't interested in the early morning excursion, but Scott took the rest of us to a spot along the ocean where we joined several other brave souls awaiting the launch. Just before the scheduled lift-off time, people waiting in their cars hit the ignition and began exciting the area. Scott noted that was not a good sign! Sure enough, the lift off was scrubbed until possibly the next morning.

We returned to Scott's where Ronnie returned to bed and Joe and I visited with Scott until he left to play golf. Joe and Ronnie opted out of golf for the day. When Ronnie got up, we headed back to Orlando, stopping for breakfast along the way. We also stopped at a grocery near the condo to pick up Super Bowl food - pizzas and chicken wings. With the purchase of two pizzas, we received four items free - a quart of Edy's ice cream, a two liter bottle of soft drink, more chicken appetizers and a package of little smokie links - what a deal!

The cleaning crew showed up shortly after we returned to the condo - four industrious workers who swept, shined, mopped, cleaned the stove top, started the dish washer, changed all three beds, and cleaned all three bathrooms in about a half hour! I asked them if they could please follow me home!

Unfortunately, our Super Bowl party fizzled with a Colts loss. Oh well, there's always next year (we are also Cubs fans so we know how it's done)! Scott had planned to watch the Super Bowl with us, but traffic was so heavy when he headed toward Orlando that he turned around and went back home. Evidently there were a lot of people making their way to Super Bowl parties.

Monday morning we were up again very early - 2:30 a.m. this time. Now you see why I said I need a vacation. We had set our alarm for this early hour so we could return to the coast for the Endeavour lift off. However, the TV reported there was only a 60 percent chance that the launch would take place and the guys decided the odds weren't good enough to make the hour drive back to the coast. Unfortunately, as you know, the launch was a go and I missed it. I was so disappointed as that was the one they I was really looking forward to. Ronnie did watch from the condo and saw the Endeavor light up the sky as it took flight. Joe had the TV on, but I just closed my eyes and went back to sleep. I imagine the traffic would have been pretty horrendous going and coming.

The launch, which had six astronauts on board, was likely the last nighttime launch for the shuttle program. It was hauling a

new room and observation deck for the International Space Station. NASA began fueling the Endeavour Sunday night, just before the Super Bowl was kicking off in Miami. The coin used in the opening toss flew to the space station in November aboard Atlantis.

The 13-day Endeavour mission comes at an agonizing time for NASA as the space agency recently got its marching orders from President Barack Obama - ditch the back-to-the-moon Constellation program and its Ares rockets and "pack on the research for an as-yet-unspecified rocket and destination". The space station did, however, come out a winner in the Obama plan. The president's budget would keep the outpost flying until at least 2020, a major extension.

NASA employees, contractors and supporters - not to mention local business owners - are very concerned about the budget cuts to the space program. In a state that is already suffering high unemployment, this is going to exacerbate the problem.

After the last shuttle mission at the end of this year or the beginning of next year, the U.S. will depend on Russia to jettison astronauts to the International Space Station at a cost of about \$51 million per seat.

After the false start to the day, we got a little more sleep and then went to an IHOP for breakfast. We then visited Downtown Disney Marketplace (which was about across the street from the condo). We parked and started walking toward the shops when Ronnie realized he didn't have his billfold. He remembered taking it out and laying it beside him at the restaurant so we scurried back there ASAP. He asked the hostess if anyone had turned in a billfold, but they hadn't. He then spotted our waitress (who he had given a rough time to during breakfast as well as on a previous visit)! She said, "I'll bet you're glad to see me!" Ronnie noted that if she had his billfold,

he was! Thank goodness! Ronnie flew to Orlando and without his identification, he wouldn't be allowed to board an airplane for home. After that episode, we decided to visit Ronnie's sister, Aunt Betty, who was spending a month in Orlando. She was staying near an area called "Old Town" featuring several gift and novelty shops as well as carnival type rides and places to eat. Aunt Betty suggested we tour "Celebration" when we left so we did.

Celebration was developed by the Walt Disney Company in the early 1990s and encompasses approximately 4,900 acres. A road called World Drive connects Celebration directly to the Walt Disney World parks and resorts. The north end of World Drive begins near the Magic Kingdom and its south end connects to Celebration Boulevard, allowing Celebration residents (2,736 of them) and guests to drive to Disney property without having to use any busy thoroughfares. Celebration has a busy business district, a school, a hospital, golf course, lots of parks and nature areas. Locals often ride their bikes, walk, or use their neighborhood electric vehicles to get around.

Celebration hosts many events every year, some of which include community-wide yard sales, an art show, an exotic car festival, an annual Radio Disney Holiday concert, an Oktoberfest Celebration, the "Great American Pie Festival" (televised on The Food Network), a "Posh Pooch" festival and downtown events for the fall and Christmas seasons. Twice a year, a Walt Disney World liquidation sale is held at Celebration School to clearance out older merchandise. The community also hosts a large 4th of July celebration.

In the evening, we returned to the Disney Marketplace and walked around the area, stopping at a Rain Forest Café for dinner. Our Smith kids and grandkids have eaten at the one in Chicago, but I had never experienced it. And, it was quite an experience including thunder and lightening - but no rain. I felt sorry for a couple of the younger visitors as they thought

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Thurs., Feb. 11th & Thurs., Feb. 25th



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is was a real storm and that brought tears – the only water that was actually falling! The Rain Forest animals were also in motion and had a real look to them. That's probably as close as I'll ever get to the rain forest.

It was a nice evening for walking so we continued to do so until the movie theater – with 24 screens – opened. Ronnie, Sherry and Kathy had gone to see "Blind Side" and really enjoyed it. In fact, Kathy has seen it four times. We haven't been to a movie since "The Best Man in Grass Creek" but I had wanted to see this one after seeing it advertised on TV. Normally I have trouble staying awake for a two-hour plus movie, but this one kept my attention. It is based on a true story about a professional football player for Baltimore and is really good.

Tuesday morning we went to Denny's for a free breakfast. Denny's was one of the Super Bowl sponsors and offered free "grand slam" breakfasts until 2 p.m. on Tuesday. The restaurant wasn't real busy when we arrived, but by the time we left there was a pretty good line. The guys went by another location later in the day and people were lined up clear down the block!

Sherry and Kathy returned to Orlando Tuesday to take in Disney World with Kathy's nephew and his family. Joe and Ronnie tried to get some golf in again but were limited to nine holes due to rain. I went to a nearby outlet mall, but didn't stay long due to the rain. Sherry, Kathy and company survived the day with their Disney rain ponchos (at a cost of course).

Wednesday, Joe and Ronnie made their way back to Scott's for another round of golf. Sherry and Kathy returned to Disney World. Sherry then picked me up about noon and we stopped at the Florida Mall enroute to meeting the golfers and Elena at a restaurant in Titusville famous for its rock shrimp, Dixie Crossroads.

Rodney Thompson, the founder of Dixie Crossroads, has an interesting story to tell about how rock shrimping began. Thirty-five years ago, rock shrimp was a throw-away product. Their shells are hard, making them too difficult to clean. The presence of a large sand vein presented another major problem. If you don't get the vein out, chewing the rock shrimp is like eating a mouth full of beach sand. Thompson notes that in 1969, his company was one of the best local boat builders. One day he decided he wanted to be a King Shrimper. In order to do that, they built the first fiberglass shrimp boat ever made in the western hemisphere. This 73-foot boat was a beauty according to Thompson, but they had a really hard time making bank payments catching brown shrimp.

One afternoon, they tied up at Port Canaveral next to the NOAA research vessel, Oregon II. Smiling down at them, the captain looked at their empty nets and grinned, saying "do you want to make a million dollars? I'll show you how!"

The next day, in the wake of the Oregon II, they found themselves 20 miles east of Melbourne. Down went the nets, but after several tries not one brown shrimp was to be found. However, by the end of the day,

they had 1,000 pounds of rock shrimp, also known as "peanuts", "trash" or "hardheads". The captain noted that if they ever figured out how to sell those "peanuts" they would make a lot of people happy.

One Sunday afternoon, Thompson's daughter said "If rock shrimp taste like lobster, what would happen if we cooked them like lobster?" They tried it, and they were delicious.

On January 1, 1983, Thompson opened his Dixie Crossroads featuring his rock shrimp and it is now recognized as one of the country's most unique restaurant experiences.

You don't want to be in a hurry while eating the rock shrimp. They are split, buttered and broiled and you have to retrieve the little morsels with a fork (or your fingers). The menu offers the delicacies in amounts of a half dozen to three dozen.

On our return to Orlando Wednesday evening, Sherry and Kathy departed for Fort Lauderdale and Joe and I made preparations for leaving the next morning as we planned to stay out two nights on our trip home. After breakfast with Ronnie Thursday morning, we took off, going a little out of our way to connect with U.S. 27 so we could get a better view of the locale than you can from the interstate. One of the first sights of interest was acres and acres of bulldozers, backhoes, cranes, etc. The business was an auction company, in fact it is billed as the world's largest industrial auctioneers with 40 auction sites worldwide. The company sold \$3.5 billion of used equipment at 325 unreserved auctions in 2009, including a wide range of heavy equipment, trucks and other assets for the construction, transportation, agricultural, material handling, forestry, petroleum and marine industry. What I would like to know is, where does all this used equipment come from?

Just south of Ocala, we returned to the interstate to get around Ocala and Gainesville. At Alachua, we exited onto to U.S. 27 again. As we were waiting at a stop light a car pulled up on our right gaining our attention. It was a KHS classmate of Joe's, Nedra (Zellers) Bahler and her husband, Wally of Fishers. They were evidently following us and noticed the Fulton county Indiana license plate and then realized it was us ("due to the white-haired old man driving so slow")! What are the chances of that happening? We talked briefly, then they headed back to I-75 enroute to their home and Joe and I traveled on to High Springs. We spotted a barber shop so decided to stop so Joe could get a hair cut. He hadn't had one since our local barber headed south for the winter and his hair was starting to curl around his ears.

High Spring was named a U.S. Historic District in 1991 and has several antique stores, gift shops and local art work. I walked around some while waiting on Joe, but since it was Thursday, many of the shops weren't open. According to the barber, Jerry, the bad economy has taken its toll on High Springs and many of the shops have had to close their doors.

We had hoped to follow the gulf coast to Panama City where our kids like to vacation, but we could see time was not going to permit that so we headed north to I-10 planning to stop at Tallahassee for the night.

I had picked up a coupon book for hotel/motel accommodations throughout the state of Florida and we decided to try a \$39.99 deal since we were staying out two nights enroute home. What a mistake! After we got into our room, I turned on the heater so the room would warm up while we ate. I heard a "chirp", but didn't know where the noise was coming from.

Before we got to Tallahassee, we talked about the possibility of taking in a women's basketball game at Florida State University. Joe asked the motel clerk if he knew whether or not there was a game that night. He didn't know for sure, but said he would find out while we went to get something to eat. Our daughter, Kelly, was a FSU student for a short time so we've always had an affinity for FSU sports. The clerk reported that the Lady Seminoles were hosting Clemson that night so we headed for campus, even though it was a little early. It has been 32 years since we were there and we wanted time to scout the area and get our bearings. As you would expect, it has really changed. In 1978, the campus had a lot of green space but what we saw was mostly bricks, concrete and pavement!

The FSU women's team is ranked No. 10 in the nation, but didn't make a very good showing in the first half of play. However, the coach must have gotten their attention at halftime and they won, 67-50. We talked to Kelly two or three times while we were driving around the campus and locating the gym. She called during the game to see how they were doing as the game was not televised here. It's a wonder I heard my cell phone ring as it was pretty noisy. The couple directly behind us was really into the game!

When we got back to the motel, Joe went to get ice, but had to go to the office to get it as the ice machine was broken. While he was there, the motel clerk had to check on an argument. The "chirp" in our room was still apparent, but Joe determined it was coming from the smoke alarm. Apparently the battery was low. The heater was also adding to the chorus with a "ping" as it heated up – and as it cooled down. If that wasn't bad enough, about midnight there was a loud knocking on our door. Joe got up and started getting dressed. I said "don't answer", but with the second knock he said "yes?" A voice from the outside asked if we had ordered a pizza. Joe told him no and got back into bed. A few minutes later I heard some foot steps overhead and a door opening and closing so apparently the people in the room above us had a midnight snack. About 2:00 in the morning we heard a loud crash and a woman screaming! I thought it came from the parking lot, but Joe thought it was from another room. The motel offered breakfast, but we couldn't wait to get away from that place so we decided to catch breakfast on down the road.

It was raining when we left Tallahassee and had turned colder. At U.S. 231, we headed north stopping for gasoline and coffee just south of the Florida/Alabama line. Wouldn't you know, gasoline was forty cents cheaper per gallon just across the state line! This is also about where the rain turned to snow – some of the largest flakes I've ever seen. Travel got a little tedious. It slowed somewhat, but

we saw about a half dozen cars in the ditch or median before we ran out of snow. We stopped about 2 p.m. and walked through an antique/flea market for a short time just to stretch our legs and relax a little. An ice cream bar substituted for lunch. There were a lot of defunct business places along U.S. 231, but I don't think it was from the present economic conditions. They looked like they had been abandoned for quite some time, possibly from when the interstates went in or a previous recession. We noticed a huge mall at Montgomery, Alabama that looked like a ghost town. Somewhere there was probably a brand new one enticing in shoppers. I don't know why this country does not make better use of what it already has instead of gobbling up more ground and space to build "bigger and better".

The snow stopped about 3 p.m. which made travel a lot more enjoyable. We elected to stop at Franklin, Tennessee for the night. If you enjoy antiques, Franklin is a good stop as it offers about 14 antique stores/malls. Most of the shops were closed by the time we ate, but we did a quick run through the one nearest the motel. Joe checked with the hotel clerk and was told there are several nice golf courses in the area. We decided to put Franklin on our possible "to do" list for the future.

Needless to say, after the fiasco at our previous motel, we choose one that was a little more "up scale" for our Friday night stop and got a good night's rest as well as a delicious hot breakfast.

After breakfast, we headed on north with home as our destination. Normally when we travel I find it hard to stay awake, but on this trip I made a point of keeping alert and helping Joe watch for road/traffic signs. However, after 2,000 miles plus, I dozed for a short time about half way through Indianapolis. When I

opened my eyes, nothing look familiar. I said to Joe, "did you miss a road?" Apparently, he was so used to watching for the I-65 signs, he missed I-465 and we were headed for Lafayette. I like Lafayette OK, but I didn't want to go there Saturday so we took the next exit and headed east to access U.S. 421. Actually, it was a pretty interesting side trip as there are some fantabulous, large homes in that region. One of them must have encompassed about 10,000 square feet and set on a 20 acre lot.

The rest of the trip was rather uneventful, including a stop in Loganport for groceries.

The kids had turned up the furnace for us so home was nice and toasty when we arrived. As always, the end of a trip means unpacking all the stuff you thought you had to take with, plus the new stuff you thought you couldn't live without (plus the groceries). But, I guess that's the price of a getaway.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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Tom and Barb LaFollette and their great-grandson Eli, were in Kokomo Monday, Feb. 15. They enjoyed visiting with their friends, Tom Miller and Bud Landis, at Martino's Italian Villa. In the evening, the LaFollettes had a nice time visiting with friends while dining at the VFW post in Rochester.

Earl and Mary Bangel had houseguests during the middle of the week. Arriving Tuesday, Feb. 16, for an overnight visit were their niece and her husband, Barbara and Rob Staub of Evansville.

Florence Hogan was a dinner guest of Kathy Leslie Thursday, Feb. 18. The ladies enjoyed a visit over the carry-outs from the United Methodist Church's Hap's Chicken Bash fund-raising dinner.

Tom LaFollette helped serve pizza at the VFW post Thursday evening.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were in Rochester early Friday morning, Feb. 19. They enjoyed a wonderful visit with their daughter, Janet Yocum, over breakfast. In the evening, Leonard and Nancy were joined for a visit by their son, Robert Evers.

Jerry and Kay Brown traveled to Connersville Friday. They spent the weekend as houseguests of their son and daughter-in-law, Kerry and Karen Brown. In the evening, the group attended the Connersville vs. Franklin County high school boys' basketball game. Kerry is coach for Connersville—the winning team.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in LaPorte Saturday. They were guests of their son and his family, Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas. In the afternoon, Tom, Barb, Chris and Rebecca went to see the movie "Wolfman."

Helen Whiteman had a nice time Saturday. She attended the birthday party held in honor of her great-grandson, Ian Connor. Ian turned the big "1."

Kay and Karen Brown traveled into Richmond Saturday. They

did some "window shopping" and driving around the city. In the evening, they were joined by Jerry for the Connersville vs. Whiteland high school boys' basketball game. Connersville won.

Barb and Tom LaFollette had a houseguest Saturday evening. Staying with them overnight was Eli.

Romayne Wentzel was in Valparaiso Sunday, Feb. 21. She was joined by her daughter and grandchildren, Becky Slentz, Rachel and Matt, of Butler, and her daughter, Carol Holmquest, at the Opera House. They enjoyed attending a performance of 1940s music by The Andrews Brothers. Carol's husband, Chris Holmquest, is a member of the performing band.

Dick and Linda Mitchell of Crown Point were Sunday luncheon guests of Joe and Karen Good.

Florence Hogan had company Sunday. Stopping by for a visit and bringing along pizza for dinner were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. In the afternoon, they visited with Florence's daughter, Janice Graham.

Wilma Wilson had guests Sunday afternoon. Coming for a family visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jack Graham of Lucerne; their son, Kurt Graham; and their son and grandchildren, Nathan Graham, Lucas and Laura of Monticello. In the evening, the group enjoyed pizza and ice cream. The beautiful weather made it a

wonderful day for all.

Virginia Agnew of here and her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Jackie Agnew of Rochester, spent a long weekend in Warner Robins, Georgia visiting with Virginia's granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Kirsta O'Hern and Ava. Virginia reports she enjoyed 71 degree weather and, of course, no snow!

Patty and Tony Trinca of South Bend treated David Norris to a birthday brunch last Saturday at the Mashiana Truck Stop, Rochester. Also joining the party was David's sister, Janel Norris. Patty and Tony are dedicated dog advocates and Patty is continuing her letter-writing activities to numerous local municipalities to raise awareness for treating pets humanely. The group was served by Karen, their favorite waitress, with her usual charm and efficiency.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Tyler Downhour, Brock Hinderlider, Daniel Kremer and Hannah Whiteman, Feb. 28; Kathie Brown, Kay Brown, Amber Doty, Betty McKinney, Lauren Metzger, John Mollencupp Jr., Charlie Richardson and Mackenzie Wassermann, March 1; Shirley Bussert, Randy Miller and Laura Purkey, March 2; Cole Cook, March 3; Margaret DeWitt, Mary Ruth Ingram and Darius Rude, March 4; David Besse, Angie Easterday, Dean Jones, Anita Klinefelter, Donna

Rude and Willa Bea Shriver, March 5; and Cathy Carver, Dustin Ewing, Bill Lamb, Tillie Lamb, Luke Nikolich, Jerrod Steele and Tanner Sutton, March 6.

There are four couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fross, March 2; Mr. and Mrs. David Stangle, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. David Berry, March 5; and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Yocum, March 6.

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