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## The News In Brief

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. The registration deadline is March 19.

Fulton County Communications Director Steve Reese reports that the county has resumed testing its weather warning sirens. The sirens, located throughout the county and activated by county dispatch, will be tested the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) has begun its annual green carnation sale. To place an order, call 574-223-3716 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The carnations sell for \$1.25 each and delivery will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Any number of flowers can be ordered.

Fire damaged a science classroom at Columbia Middle School in Logansport early Monday morning. Investigators believe the fire was started by an overloaded extension cord used with a heat lamp for a snake terrarium.

A bereavement support group starts a new round of meetings March 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The group is sponsored by Woodlawn Hospital and Hope Hospice of Fulton County. For more information, call Jason See, Woodlawn Hospital chaplain, at 574-224-1267 or Anne Beattie, Hope Hospice, at 574-224-4673.

If you have a child that would like to participate in the Kewanna Youth League's summer baseball program, be sure to fill out and send in the registration form found in this week's issue of The Observer.

The Winamac Lady Warriors were eliminated from semi state play of the IHSAA basketball tourney last Saturday by Fort Wayne Luers, 57-44.

Little Brownie Bakery in Louisville, Kentucky, one of two bakeries in the United States that turns out Girl Scout cookies, has recalled its Lemon Chalet Crème cookies. The bakery reports the cookies are safe to eat, but several people have complained about a foul smell and taste when eating the cookies.

Eileen O'Neill Odum, CEO of Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) has resigned from that position. However, she will be paid more than \$1.5 million over the next three years. She reportedly resigned at the end of February "to spend more time with her

## World Day of Prayer service at St. Ann's

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna, will host the community's annual observance of World Day of Prayer Friday evening, March 5, at 7 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend this service.

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## Antique show and sale, March 12 & 13

Mental Health America of Fulton County is sponsoring its 12<sup>th</sup> 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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## Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center. Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available every month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for March 10 call 574-223-3326.

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Woodlawn Hospital will be hosting an Usbourne Children's Book Fair Friday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the new addition, classrooms A/B. Sale proceeds benefit the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary.

Caston's hopes for a repeat sectional championship were dashed by a last second shot Tuesday evening when Tri-County ousted the Comets from sectional play 41-40. Tri-County advances to play Pioneer Friday evening. Caston finished the season with a 4-17 record. Alex Herd scored a game-high 14 points for the Comets. Trevor Hoover added 12 points and Wes Rigney had five points and eight rebounds.

The crocuses are up!

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## Time to file 2010 personal property returns

Personal property returns are to be filed between March 1 and May 15, 2010. Failure to file a return by May 15, as required by law, will result in penalties.

It is no longer the duty of the township trustee to assist with the filing of personal property returns. If you filed a business return (Form 103-L or Form 103-S) or a farm return (Form 102) last year, you will need to file the return this year at the Fulton County Assessor's office located in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 206, Rochester.

You need to turn in any new equipment you have acquired or any equipment that you no longer use for your business can be taken off your equipment list. Personal property forms can be picked up at the Fulton County Assessor's office, all local libraries in Fulton County, the Fulton County Historical Society Museum and the Kewanna town hall. Forms are also available from the state Website at [www.in.gov/dlgf](http://www.in.gov/dlgf). Forms will be available March 1 until May 15.

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## Woodworkers meet

The Tippecanoe Valley Woodworkers held its month meeting at the Community Resource Center in Rochester Saturday, February 20, with 18 people in attendance.

Kyle Newman gave a presentation on moisture and how it affects various woods, how it affects your projects, and how to dry wood. It was an extremely informative presentation and many questions from the audience were answered. Everyone in attendance came away with a lot more knowledge about the subject and things to consider when working on their projects.

Chuck Baldwin won the door prize, a \$20 gift certificate given by Smith Farm Stores. Norm Steigely and Lowell Lindsey won items given by Jerry Leavell of Farm Bureau Insurance. An auction was also held on items donated by members.

The next monthly gathering will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Pulaski County Highway building on U.S. 35 North, just south of Good Oil, Winamac. The demonstration on turning pens that was postponed in February will take place at this time.

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## KHS class of 1970 plans reunion

The Kewanna High School class of 1970 will hold its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion Saturday, June 12. It will be a two-fold event with a picnic at the Rochester city park and a party in the evening.

Addresses will be needed for classmates who have moved during the past five years. For more information or to supply current addresses, contact Janet Yocum, 2759 Hickory Lane, Rochester, IN 46975.

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## Blood collection day, March 30

Another American Red Cross blood collection day will be held Tuesday, March 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, 1310 Main St., Rochester. Donors at the blood drive will receive a coupon for free Dunkin' Donuts.

To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age, meet weight and height requirements and are generally in good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross donor card or other form of ID.

Through "Donut fell good to donate?", Dunkin' Donuts joins the Red Cross in celebrating March is Red Cross Month, and in encouraging more people to give blood. Collecting blood during the winter months can be challenging since cold weather can sometimes prevent donors from making and keeping appointments. In early February, for instance, eight American Red Cross blood drives were canceled due to bad weather, representing nearly 500 blood donations in the Indiana-Ohio region.

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## - Service Notes -

Air Force Airman Christian M. Scully graduated recently from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Richard and Julie Scully, Fulton, and a 2006 graduate of Caston High School.

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## Daylight Savings time begins Sunday

Be sure to turn your clocks up one hour when you go to bed Saturday night, or you might be an hour late for whatever you have planned for Sunday.

Daylight Savings time will begin at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 7.

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## James F. Talbott Post No. 1121 March Activities

Sat., March 13 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Sun., March 14 - Open Sunday  
Tues., March 16 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

Wed., March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day

Tues., March 23 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., March 27 - Easter egg hunt at the local fire station for ages infant through 11, 2 to 4 p.m.

Sun., March 28 - Open Sunday

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## AREA FIVE MENU

### Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 8 - Barbecue chicken, broccoli, corn, pudding, wheat bread and milk

Wednesday, March 10 - Chopped steak, broccoli and cauliflower, succotash, cake, wheat bread and milk

Friday, March 12 - Chicken mole, Maui blend vegetables, spinach salad, fruit crisp, roll and milk

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## Meal site at local fire station

The Area Five Agency on Aging operates a meal site in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station serving lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Area residents who are 60 years of age or older are welcome to take part in the program.

For more information on the meal site, call Alvena Mollencupp at 653-2318.

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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.

## Recycling Days

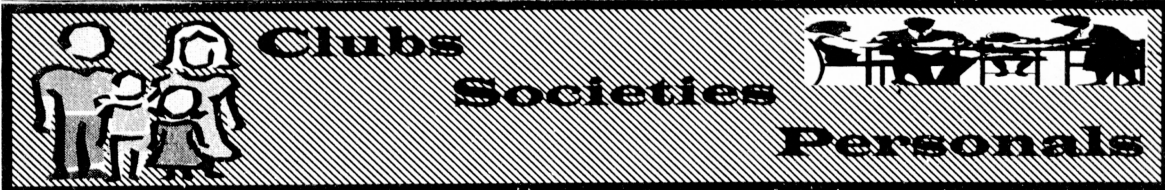
Thurs., March 11th and  
Thurs., March 25th

## - 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.





**Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events**

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.heirloompro.com).

**Indianapolis Art & Antiques Show:** March 12 - 14 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10; \$8 advance tickets available at Marsh. Contact: Methodist Health Foundation (317) 962-1777 or [www.methodisthealthfoundation.org](http://www.methodisthealthfoundation.org).

**Stewart's Indiana Flea Market:** March 12 - 14 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Contact: Stewart Promotions (502) 456-2244 or [www.stewartpromotions.com](http://www.stewartpromotions.com).

**Indiana Flower & Patio Show:**

March 13 - 21 in the West Pavilion and Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Mon-Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$12; children 12 and younger free. Discount tickets and coupons available online or at Marsh. Contact: HSI Show Productions (317) 576-9933 or [www.hsishows.com](http://www.hsishows.com).

**Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show:** March 19 - 21 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Dan Masters (405) 340-1333 or [www.indy1500.com](http://www.indy1500.com).

**Midwest Reptile Show:** March 20 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles 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](http://www.midwestreptile.com).

**Midwest Coin Shows & Auction:** March 20 - 21 in the Grand Hall. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Auction coin viewing 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; auction at 1 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 12 and younger free; \$2 discount coupon at

[www.flyergroup.coupon-city.com](http://www.flyergroup.coupon-city.com). Contact: Midwest Coin Shows (317) 539-2895 or [www.midwestcoinshowsandauction.com](http://www.midwestcoinshowsandauction.com).

**Indianapolis Antique Advertising Show:** March 20 - 21 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$8; children 12 and younger free. Contact: A & M Promotions (317) 694-0253 or [www.indyadshow.com](http://www.indyadshow.com).

**Indy Antique Toy Show:** March 21 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$8; children 12 and younger free. Contact: A & M Promotions (317) 694-0253 or [www.indyadshow.com](http://www.indyadshow.com).

**CASTON MENU March 8 - 12 Breakfast**

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

**Lunch**

Monday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, corn, cookies and milk. Comet Café - soup and mozzarella sticks

Tuesday - Plain or Spanish hot dog sandwich, potato smiles, applesauce, snickerdoodle cookie and milk. Comet Café - stuffed-crust pizza

Wednesday - Warm ham and cheese sandwich, au gratin potatoes, sherbet, cinnamon stick cookies and milk. Comet Café - chicken and fries

Thursday - Chili soup, crackers, toasted cheese sandwich, pears and milk.

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Comet Café - taco bar  
Friday - Fish, potato wedges, green beans, lemon bars and milk. Comet Café - cook's choice  
(Menu subject to change)  
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**EASTERN PULASKI MENU March 8 - 12**

**Elementary Breakfast**  
Monday - Waffle, juice and milk  
Tuesday - French toast, juice and milk  
Wednesday - Mozzarella stick, juice and milk  
Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk  
Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

**Elementary Lunch**

Monday - Egg pattie with cheese, sausage pattie, hash browns, sliced apples, biscuit and milk  
Tuesday - Sloppy Joe sandwich, corn, grapes, cookie and milk  
Wednesday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes,

mixed fruit, hot roll and milk  
Thursday - Hot dog, potatoes, applesauce, cookie and milk  
Friday - Cheese pizza, pickle spear, pineapple, blueberry muffin and milk

**Middle/High School Lunch**

Monday - Chicken fajitas with salsa, lettuce & cheese, peach crisp and milk. Choice - salad bar  
Tuesday - Hot dog, potato triangles, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar  
Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, carrots, pineapple and milk. Choice - salad bar  
Thursday - Tenderloin sandwich, peas, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar  
Friday - Cheese pizza, corn on the cob, grape juice, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar  
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**WOODLAWN HOSPITAL**  
 February 22  
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 Births - Clarence and Tirzah McCloud Garrett, Rochester, a son  
 February 23  
 Admissions - Jean Winstead, Louise Gerrick and Nancy Cleverly, Rochester;  
 Dismissals - James Funk, Rochester  
 February 24  
 Admissions - Edward Edwards, Star City  
 Births - David and Rita Clark, Rochester, a son  
 February 25  
 Admissions - Glen Grunden, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Bryant Bandow, Akron; Louise Gerrick and Tirzah McCloud Garrett and son, Rochester  
 February 26  
 Admissions - Rosalie Lowe, Rochester  
 Dismissals - Jean Winstead, Rochester; Carol Foreman, Macy  
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**DEATHS .....**



**RONALD JAY TALBOTT**

Ronald Jay Talbott, 72, Mansfield, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at his home. Born January 14, 1938, in Fulton County, he was the son of Maurice Talbott and Helen (Weller-Talbott) Irvine. A 1956 graduate of Kewanna High School, he loved playing basketball and softball on the high school teams. In the fall of 1956, he joined the U.S. Army where he served with the military police. He served six months in the Marshall Islands before he was honorably discharged in the fall of 1958. He promptly married his high school sweetheart, Leona Irene Geisler. Ron was in the trucking industry for 30 years. He was also owner/operator of Carpetmaster for 10 years, until his retirement in 2000. After his

retirement, fishing was his favorite hobby.

Ron is survived by his wife, Leona Talbott; one son and daughter-in-law, Kim and Laurie (Shanafelt) Talbott; one daughter and son-in-law, Rita (Talbot) and Les Craft; grandchildren, Katie, Holly and Mary Talbott, Crystal (Craft) and Brian Hamm and Joshua Craft; great-granddaughter, Ella Dasiy Hamm; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Ann (Jester) Talbott and Jim and Peggy Talbott; sisters and brother-in-law, Lois (Talbot) and Carl Miller and Joan (Talbot) Riffle; and many uncles, aunts and cousins on both sides. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Brenda Sue Talbott; and four brothers, Darwin, Richard, William and Doyne Talbott.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, Mansfield, Ohio. Rev. Ron Conaway, Sr. officiated. Military honors conducted by the Richland County Joint Veterans' Burial Detail followed the service at the funeral home. Burial was in the Mansfield Cemetery.

A visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, MedCentral Hospice or the Mansfield Fire Department Station #3.

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**Recycling Days**

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 Thurs., March 25th

**EARTH TALK**

**Questions & Answers About Our Environment**

**Dear EarthTalk:** I don't understand why many people oppose wind power just because they have to look at the turbines. If you ask me, wind turbines are much nicer-looking than coal-fired, waste-energy or nuclear power plants. -- Michael Hart, via e-mail

Whether it's a wind farm, a coal-fired power plant, a nuclear reactor or even just a big box store, there are always going to be locals opposed to it, declaring "not in my back yard!" (NIMBY).

As to the attractiveness of wind farms, people do seem to come down on one side or the other rather vehemently. Those in favor of wind development have been known to extol the visual virtues of a horizon full of windmills not only for the turbines' graceful sculptural lines but also for the fact that

their very presence advertises the coming of a modern, almost futuristic age of clean, renewable energy.

Writing in the online magazine *Contemporary Aesthetics*, Yuriko Saito waxes eloquent about the visual appeal of wind farms when created thoughtfully. "[I]t is possible to create an aesthetically pleasing effect by choosing the color, shape and height of the turbines appropriate...to the particular landscape, making them uniform in their appearance and movement, and...arranging them in proportion to the landscape," he says. "One writer admires the windmills in Sweden as 'graceful objects' because 'the slender airfoils seem both delicate and powerful...while their gentle motion imparts a living kinetic nature'."

On the flip side, detractors begrudge wind turbines for destroying their views—a classic NIMBY stance. According to Saito, opposition to wind farms stems from their being sited on previously "open, unhindered lands" and as such "are viewed as machines intruding in a garden." He adds: "[T]hey are

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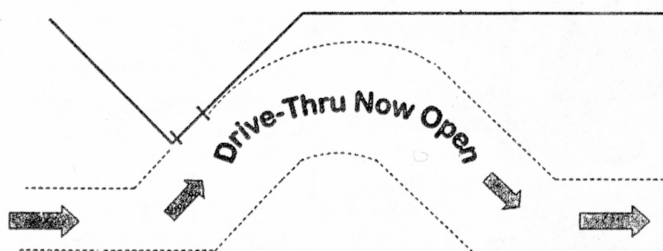
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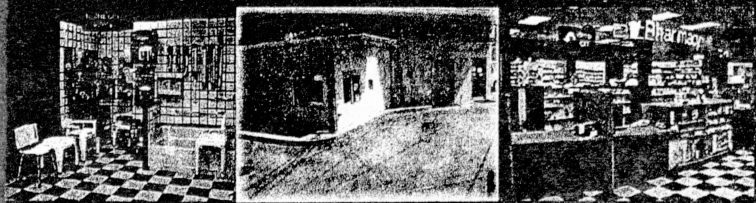
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# Looking Back.....

## SIXTY YEARS AGO March 3, 1950

Five-year-old Susanne Overmyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virdell Overmyer, Fulton, played a piano solo over WSAL radio, Logansport, Sunday evening. Her selection was "Schacone" by Durand. The talented young lady is a student of Mrs. Betty Kenworthy of Logansport.

John Barnett, long-time resident of Kewanna, passed away early yesterday (Thursday) of a heart condition. Also taken by death were Bert A. Rice and his wife, Delcenio, of Lake Bruce. They passed away Thursday morning at the Stansbury Nursing Home in Rochester.

The William Spaulding residence on the Fulton-Pulaski county line was destroyed by fire Friday night. The Grass Creek Fire Department, three miles away, was called but flames already had a good start. Spaulding, who lived alone, was away from home at the time.

Edward Lebo, 30, of Kewanna sustained knee and leg injuries Thursday when the car he was driving collided with a Pennsylvania Railroad diesel engine on the Leiters Ford road. He was enroute to work at the Leiters Ford gravel pit when the mishap occurred. He stated that he saw the train, but was unable to stop on the downward slop of the road because of ice and snow.

Little Tom Shanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Shanley, received a severe head cut Monday morning while riding a school bus driven by Ted Miller. Miller was taking a detour from his route at the request of Mr. Thomas, township trustee. In passing around a large snow drift, a sawed-off limb from a tree crashed through a window and struck young Shanley. He was an overnight patient at

Woodlawn Hospital where he was treated.

## FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 3, 1955

Mrs. Clara Henderson, 68, died Thursday afternoon at Woodlawn Hospital. She had been ill two weeks. Survivors include her husband, Bert; two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Baldwin and Mrs. Lenora Frasa, both of here; and a son, Boyd, of Rochester.

Theresa Miller, Rt. 3, Kewanna, was among the 463 Indiana University freshmen named to the Dean's List for the last semester.

James Collins, formerly of Kewanna, was promoted to the rank of captain at Wright-Patterson Air Field, Dayton, Ohio, February 28.

Mrs. Guy Urbin was honored recently at the park club house near Bradenton, Florida, when a number of Indiana folks vacationing near there gathered for a carry-in dinner to celebrate her birthday.

Woodson Nelson of Kewanna, who has been a patient in Woodlawn Hospital, is now convalescing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lillian Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoover, Rt. 2, Kewanna, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary February 27 with an open house.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO March 3, 1960

Robert Osborne, 39, who was one of the 35 Americans killed with a U.S. Navy DC-6 collided with a Brazilian DC-3 near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday was a native of Fulton County. Osborne was born and raised near Kewanna. He attended schools at Kewanna and Winamac. His mother, the former Ella Stubbs, is from Kewanna.

Jerry Jones, Rt. 3, Kewanna, a senior physical education major at Purdue University, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1959-60 school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Magnusson have sold their farm on the Star City road to Kooney Walsh of Oak Park, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Magnusson are moving to Des Plaines, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fields are moving to the farm.

Susan Kay Fox, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fox, Rt. 2, Kewanna, celebrated her second birthday Monday, February 29. Susan was a Leap Year baby.

A family dinner Wednesday celebrated the birthday of Verl Ray Kreamer.

A surprise birthday dinner was held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown in celebration of Mrs. Brown's birthday. Guests included Mary Brown and Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peters, Mary Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williamson and family, and Larry Kruger.

A car driven by Mrs. Carolyn Weller, 61, Kewanna, hit the rear of a gasoline tank truck operated by Melvin Collins, 31, Rochester, Friday, Feb. 26, on State Road 14. The tank truck was stopped behind a state highway department snow plow driven by William Werner, 22, Kewanna. Werner had stopped to aid a driver whose car had skidded into the ditch.

## FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 4, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shull, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana, to John E. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nichols, Norwich, Connecticut. The wedding will take place March 13 in Flanders, Connecticut, where they will reside.

Caston nipped Kewanna 63-62 in overtime Saturday afternoon to advance to the semifinal round of the snow-delayed high

school basketball sectional. The Comets will meet defending champion Pioneer in the first semifinal contest Monday afternoon.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO March 6, 1980

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Mrs. Inez P. Kestle, 84, of here. Rev. Gene Personett officiated and burial was in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery.

State Senator Robert Peterson (D-Rochester) recently filed for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor. Peterson, the Assistant Minority Leader in the Indiana State Senate, announced his candidacy last August.

Stephen Hartzler, Henry Township, filed his candidacy for election to the Fulton County Council in the county clerk's office Tuesday.

The local Scouts held their Blue and Gold banquet Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. There were over 80 persons present for the occasion. Twenty-three scouts received awards.

Miss Courtney Miller, age three, has become a member of the models union. Courtney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the niece of Mrs. Jacqueline Heidenreich of here.

Caston lost a heart-breaker to Pioneer, 55-53, and Kewanna was pounded by Lewis Cass, 90-41, in first round action of the sectional tourney Tuesday evening.

The Kewanna and Aubree fire departments were called to the Joe Rude residence on the township line road last week due to a barn fire. Joe reports that he lost 157 pigs and five sows. The Kewanna fire department was also called to the Ray Bailey residence in Kewanna Monday evening where a garage was

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This is a picture of the Kewanna Club Scout pack which visited the round house in Logansport 55 years ago in observance of Railroad Week (LOOKING BACK - Feb. 4, 2010 issue of *The Observer*). The picture was provided to us courtesy of Mrs. Melvin Fisher.

Raymond Hinderlider drove the bus which transported the group to Logansport where the Scouts received a conducted tour of the yard and locomotives. It was estimated that 700 Scouts made the tour during the day. Those attending from Kewanna were Jackie Kissinger, Ricky

Anderson, Mike Brooker, Wayne Lamb, Keith and Kenneth Troutman, Tommy Loar, Lary Eber, Jimmy Fisher, Roger Elmore, Richard Hiland, Marion Foust, Dennis Kelsey, George Hilficker, Jerry Zuck, Billy Stoudt, Larry Brockey and Johnny Brooks. The Den Chiefs

were Terry Livengood and Raymond Zellers. The group was also accompanied by Den Mothers, Mrs. Melvin Fisher, Mrs. Marion Brooks and Mrs. Dora Hilficker, as well as Mrs. Edwin Brooker, Mrs. Charles Elmore, Mrs. Virgil Anderson and Burl Eber.

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**"LOOKING BACK"**

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cut by fire. The adjoining house also received severe fire, smoke and water damage.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**March 1, 1990**

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center, for Alta M. Daily, Rt. 2, Kewanna. Burial was in the Star City IOOF Cemetery. Survivors include one son, Darl, Rt. 2, Kewanna, and one daughter, Geneva Wagner, Rt. 1, Star City.

Funeral services were held Friday for veteran State Rep. G. Edward Cook, a Plymouth Democrat who died Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the age of 62. Cook was an eight-term lawmaker representing District 17, which included Union, Wayne and Aubbeenaubbee townships in Fulton County as well as parts of Pulaski, LaPorte, Marshall and Starke counties.

Kevin Swafford spent the weekend visiting his great-grandmother, Mrs. Marie Reichard. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Reichard were also Sunday guests.

Chad Woolington, Logansport, captured the Indiana state hoop shoot championship in the boys' 12-13 division Saturday at Kokomo High School. The Lincoln sixth grader hit 23 of 25 free throws to defeat seven other district champions. This was Woolington's fourth trip in five years to the state finals, but his first state championship.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**March 2, 2000**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Martin, Logansport, announce the engagement of their daughter, Randi Lynne Martin, to Eric James Ousley, son of Kathy Harrold, Argos, and Gary and Jackie Ousley, Valparaiso. Eric is the grandson of Aron and Lulu Ousley, Bonnie Smith and the late Kenneth Smith, Kewanna.

Mathilda Lamb was joined by several family members Sunday for a multiple family birthday

celebration. Gathering at Margarita's restaurant were her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Mike Gallagher of Wilmington, Ohio; their son, Christopher; their daughter and son-in-law, Brenna and Darin Rose of Dayton; and Joan and Mike's son and his family, Brian and Pam Gallagher, Drew, Alex and Austin of Fort Wayne. The family had a great time celebrating the February birthdays of Mathilda, Drew, Alex and Austin.

Earl and Mary Bangel were the guests of honor at a small gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of their wedding anniversary and was held at Lynn's Coffee Shop, Kewanna.

Ruth Ann Anderson returned home late Sunday evening from a five-day trip to Ames, Iowa. She accompanied her daughter, Becky Lincoln of South Bend, on the visit to Becky's daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Dennis Halterman. They also stopped at the Amana Colonies for a look around and a bit of lunch.

Dick and Pauline Brown returned home Wednesday, Feb. 23, from a trip to Arizona where they were guests of his step-brother and wife, Bill and Carol Sue Graham in Phoenix.

Mathilda Lamb continued her birthday celebration Saturday. Gathering in the home of her sister, Delores Foerg, at Star City, were their sisters, Jo Illingworth of Fowler and Pat Koons of Logansport; their brother, Dave Besse; Mathilda's son, Bill Lamb of Ft. Wayne; and Peggy Foerg. They all enjoyed dining out at the Oak Grove restaurant. Later, they returned to Delores' for ice cream and cake.

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There is more than one weapon in health care's arsenal against colon cancer. They include:

- Hemocult that tests for hidden blood in your stool every year
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy, a short scope of the lower colon every five years
- Double contrast barium enema every five years

But by far, a colonoscopy is the best weapon of mass

destruction! Other methods can miss up to 30% of colon cancers and even more polyps.

There are three distinct advantages to a colonoscopy. First it scores highest since the entire colon is visualized. Second, with a colonoscopy most polyps can be removed when found "sort of one stop shopping". Even better, if your colonoscopy is "normal", the next test can wait 10 years. This 20-minute procedure just may save your life.

While there are certain risk factors, such as family history of colon cancer, that may increase your risk, the truth is over 75% of all cases have no unusual risk factors to warn them.

As for waiting to see the doctor until after you have symptoms...that is probably a fatal mistake.

There are no symptoms such as pain, bleeding, or change in bowel habits to warn you until it is too late! By the time a colon cancer is large enough to change your bowel habits, it will be bad news. The message is: "Don't wait for warning symptoms".

Medical science has pretty much proven, from the time an innocent polyp begins to grow, converts to a malignancy, and then causes symptoms, takes

years. This allows plenty of time to "search and destroy". Sadly, recent studies shows only about 12% of adults ever have a colon examination.

All of us, especially those age 50 and over, need to take the responsibility for our own colon health. A healthy lifestyle that includes plenty of fruits, vegetables and exercise can help. But remember, a colonoscopy is the best weapon of mass destruction! Ask your doctor...

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Kewanna residents are reminded that permits are required for selling/soliciting door-to-door in Kewanna. The permits cost \$50 per person and may be obtained at the Kewanna town hall.

Residents should make sure that persons stopping at their homes to sell a product or service have obtained a permit.

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**Protect Your Pockets:  
Tips for Filing Your Tax Returns**

By Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

The April 15 deadline to file tax returns is quickly approaching. The paperwork and number crunching can be overwhelming for many Hoosiers. Fortunately there are tax credits and deductions as well as online and in-person assistance programs that can make filing less stressful.

**Tax Credits**

You may qualify for one or more tax credits, or dollar-for-dollar reductions on the amount of taxes you owe. Last year, the government created a tax credit allowing first-time homebuyers who purchased a home before Dec. 1, 2009, to receive a tax credit equal to 10 percent of the purchase price, up to a maximum of \$8,000.

This credit has been extended to include purchases where a contract was signed by April 30, 2010, and closed by June 30, 2010. Eligible first-time homeowners must submit their tax return by mail, along with a copy of their settlement statement and Form 5405 to claim the credit.

If you contribute to a retirement plans like a 401(k) or a traditional IRA, you may be eligible for a tax credit equal to a percentage of your contributions. However, keep in mind if you withdraw funds from your retirement account before

the age of 59 1/2, you'll be taxed on those funds and receive a 10 percent penalty when filing your tax returns.

**Tax Deductions**

The devastating earthquake in Haiti moved many people to donate to charities providing relief efforts. If you contributed to a qualifying charity before Feb. 28, 2010, you can list that donation as an itemized deduction on your 2009 return. Any donations made after Feb. 28 but before the end of the year can be claimed on your 2010 return.

A tax deduction for qualifying victims of investment fraud to help recover a portion of their losses exists under Internal Revenue Code Section 165. There are certain groups who target victims of investment fraud claiming to be Section 165 specialists. They typically charge between 15 to 30 percent in up-front or deferred fees out of any tax refund victims receive. In reality, any certified public accountant (CPA) is capable of helping victims claim this deduction for a reasonable fee. If you've been the victim of investment fraud, contact my office's Securities Division at 1-800-223-8791.

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The Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Free File ([www.irs.gov/freefile](http://www.irs.gov/freefile)) provides free federal income tax preparation and electronic filing for eligible taxpayers. If your adjusted gross income is less than \$57,000, you can use the traditional free file option which does all the math for you. For those with income more than \$57,000, use the free file fillable form option and calculate your return manually. You can make payments electronically, request direct deposit for returns and track the status of payments or returns on this site.

**Additional Assistance**

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, in partnership with the IRS, United Way and several local groups, provides low- to moderate-income residents free tax information and assistance in electronic filing of their federal and Indiana tax returns. To find a VITA site in your area, dial 2-1-1 on your phone.

If you prefer working with an accountant, use the "Find a CPA" database on the Indiana CPA Society Web site ([www.incpas.org](http://www.incpas.org)) to search for a CPA in your area.

For more money management tips and tools, visit [www.IndianaInvestmentWatch.com](http://www.IndianaInvestmentWatch.com).

**EARTH TALK**

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almost invariably decried as 'marring', 'spoiling', 'ruining', and 'intruding on' the otherwise relatively natural landscape, such as desert, open field, mountainside, and...ocean, and for creating an 'eyesore'."

Respondents to a survey by the British magazine *Country Life* listed wind turbines as the most egregious type of architectural blemish across England. They disliked wind farms even more than other "eyesores"—such as highway service areas, conventional power stations and ugly office buildings—because of the size of the turbines, some of which are 300 feet tall, and their intrusion on the landscape.

Opponents of a proposed wind farm in the waters of Massachusetts' Nantucket Sound cite similar gripes. The builder, Cape Wind Associates, has campaigned for seven years for approval of the development, to be located 16 miles off the shore of Nantucket Island. Homeowners, politicians and some evidently conflicted environmentalists have mounted stiff opposition to the facility,

which would appear from shore as distant white smears on the horizon. The decision rests with the U.S. Interior Department which, despite stated desires to expand offshore wind energy, is taking its time on the highly contentious matter.

But with wind now the hottest renewable energy source going, those opposed to seeing windmills better get used to it. In 2008 wind power provided 1.5 percent of global electricity—having doubled its output every year now for five years in a row—and should account for as much as eight percent by 2018.

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## "Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler

### Parenting boys...and girls

I've decided God gave me three sons in order to keep me grounded.

It's not like I'm an especially pie-in-the-sky kind of gal, but there's something about wiping down the toilet seat at least once a day (because it's already wet) that just sort of puts you in your place.

They think differently. They act differently. They approach things differently - from girls.

If you told me this 20 years ago, I would have laughed. I wrote a college paper on the whole nature versus nurture issue. My stance was that we are all born with a tabula rosa - or a blank slate - and our experiences and environment work to mold who we are. Differences between the sexes? At age 20 I wasn't buying it.

Boy (or girl), did I have a lot to learn.

After college, I enrolled in the school of real-life, which

included graduate classes in family living. In other words, I had children. That's when I really learned about the differences between the males and females of our species.

When my daughter watches a movie, she watches the movie. She may have to dab her eyes with a Kleenex if it is a sad movie, but watching is the main activity.

When my boys watch a movie, they wrestle. They kick each other. They wriggle around on the couch and lean their head way over to watch the movie upside down. They stand up on the coffee table. They crawl under it. They switch the channel - repeatedly - during commercials and sometimes during the show. They throw things at each other. Watching is not the main activity.

On the other hand, when my sons watch a football game on TV, they watch the football game. They may have to dab their eyes with a Kleenex if it is a

sad game, but watching is the main activity.

My daughter does not watch a whole lot of football on TV - not if she can help it. She would rather go shopping. When she does catch a ride to the mall, she visits multiple stores and compares products. If she is especially serious about purchasing a particular item, she may pick it up to get a closer look.

When I take my boys shopping - look out! Clean up on aisle five. Shopping with my boys is a tactile experience. They touch things just because they can (or feel a compulsion to do so). They do not like "looking" but prefer to go directly to the item that they want. If it weighs less than 10 pounds, they may toss it back and forth with each other until someone misthrows and it lands on the floor. This thwarts them not. They continue their game of catch through the checkout and into the parking lot.

When my daughter packs for a weekend getaway, she considers climate and activity choices. She packs with different options in mind, coordinating colors and fabrics. She includes extra garments, because she

realizes she may want to make a wardrobe switch, depending on her mood. She packs at least one pair of underwear for each day of the trip and way, way too many shoes.

When my boys pack for a weekend getaway, they figure the clothes they are currently wearing will be enough. After much prodding, they throw in an extra pair of jeans and T-shirt. At the last minute, they remember underwear, and grab only one pair. They forget socks and a toothbrush, but remember their video games. Half the time they will leave for the trip with their suitcase lying right where they left it - on their bed.

When my daughter listens to music, she hears the words and defines their meaning. A good song is poetic in its message and melody. When she is glad to see a friend, she gives them a hug.

When my boys listen to music, it is all about the beat. A booming bass and electric guitar solo work together to enhance the song. When they meet up with a buddy and are happy to see him, they give a high-five; really good friends are tackled, football-style.

During my college years, I was enlightened. I used to think that chromosomes were beside the point; four children later, I know better. Oh, there's lots of gray

area between the sexes. No one is 100-percent male or female. But at my house, I have to call it like I see it.

Some people might have a problem with this. I don't think we should view it that way. When it comes to male and female, different does not indicate inequality.

I started by saying that having three boys keeps me grounded. It does, but no less so than having one girl keeps me grounded. One sex is not easier, better or superior than the other. That would be way too simple. The truth is that boys are not girls, and vice versa.

And that's a lot more complicated than it sounds.

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## Athletics; The Other Half of Education

Blake Ress, Commissioner of the IHSAA

We are living in challenging times! I am not speaking about the spirit with which one high school football team or basketball team challenges another or the courage that is required for a young high school wrestler to face an intimidating opponent.

Instead, I'm referring to the economic challenges facing school corporations throughout Indiana. Budget cuts not only threaten the quality of the classroom experience, they also put "extracurricular" activities, such as high school sports, at risk.

In reality, referring to activity programs (such as athletics, band, drama, debate, etc.) as "extracurricular" is a misnomer. They actually are "co-curricular" due to the many life lessons that one learns through participation.

The role that athletics play in our state's high schools is not to be taken for granted, nor is it to be taken lightly. Numerous research studies prove that student-athletes are more successful than students who choose not to participate in athletics. For example, a comprehensive statewide study conducted over a three-year period in North Carolina showed dramatic differences between student-athletes and non-athletes in five areas:

	Athletes	Non-Athletes
• Grade Point Average	2.86	1.96
• Absences in 180-day school year	6.52	12.57
• Discipline Referrals	30.5%	40.3%
• Dropout Rate	0.7%	8.98%
• Graduation Rate	99.56%	94.66%

Evidence of the value of activity and athletic programs is more than anecdotal. Consider these facts:

- In the publication, *No Child Left Behind: the facts about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning*, published by the United States Department of Education, it was reported that students who spent no time in extracurricular activities were 49% more likely to use drugs and 37% more likely to become teenage parents.
- Researchers writing in a 2004 article published in the *American Journal of Health Behavior* showed that students participating in organized high school sports were 25% less likely to be current cigarette smokers.
- A *Harvard Educational Review* article in 2002 found that participation in after school activities appears to be one of the few interventions that benefit low-status, disadvantaged high school students as much or more than their more advantaged peers. (Coincidentally, these co-curricular activities are also instrumental in teaching essential life skills to teenagers who live in single parent homes, which is 30% of all the households in Indiana.)

Certainly, at the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA) we are more focused on athletic participation than on other activities, so many of my thoughts are centered on the value of education-based athletics in our schools. However, I believe these concepts are applicable to other co-curricular activities as well.

Not only do high school athletic programs produce better students, they serve as a source of pride for local high schools, unify communities, and develop character. Additionally they provide a unique opportunity for teenagers to learn much needed life skills that may not be a part of the classroom curriculum.

Athletic programs provide valuable lessons for practical situations. Where else can a teenager learn the value of teamwork, the importance of sportsmanship, and the lesson that success is a by-product of hard work? Where else can a high school student learn self-discipline, build self-confidence, and develop the skills to handle competitive, pressure-packed situations? These are all products of education based athletics and are qualities they will need in order to become responsible, productive citizens.

When I was a high school principal, I always treasured those dedicated teachers who were devoted to inspiring their students to learn and appreciate their particular discipline whether it be physics, calculus, literature or a foreign language. These educators were knowledgeable, stimulating people to have on a faculty. However, by necessity, the focal point of all outstanding classroom teachers must be on the academics.

Therefore, unless they are taught at home, and unfortunately many are not, where are our young people going to learn those essential life skills that are an innate component of competitive athletics?

In addition, obesity rates among teenagers have more than tripled in the past 30 years. Overweight children of all ages have become a problem of epidemic proportion in America. And yet, if there is one sure remedy for hypertension, heart disease, and diabetes among our young people, it is active participation in a high school sport.

High school sports teach a lesson that it would be good for all of society to learn, especially in tough economic times like these: When faced with a challenge, regardless of how monumental it might seem, we have to work harder and work together if we expect to prevail. And that's what is needed right now, the resolve to work harder and work together to solve the financial crisis facing our state's schools—but without "watering down" the total learning experience.

If we have that resolve to resist the temptation to make the cost of competing prohibitive or, worse yet, to totally eliminate athletic programs in our high schools, the winner will be our state's young people. They need all the help we can give them as they enter a global society that is increasingly complex, fast-paced and competitive.

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Don and Pauline Scales  
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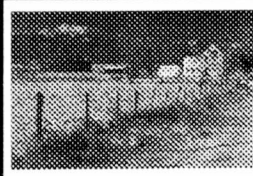
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## Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Monday evening, Feb. 22. They enjoyed dining with friends at the VFW post.

Nancy Evers was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Wednesday, Feb. 24. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Maria Evers. Helping them mark the event with dinner were Nancy's husband, Leonard, and their daughter, Janet Yocum of Rochester.

Barb and Tom LaFollette helped serve pizzas at the Rochester VFW post Thursday evening, Feb. 25.

Helen Whiteman enjoyed a pleasant evening Friday, Feb. 26. She accompanied her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski, to Rochester for supper.

Don and Pauline Scales had company Saturday, Feb. 27. Joining them for dessert and coffee were Doug and Cindy Hall of Traverse City, Michigan and the Scales' children, Bruce Scales of Fulton, Ellen Heiden of Columbia City, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester, Barbara Grandstaff of Kendallville and Linda Garner. Earlier in the day, the family had attended the graveside services for the Scales' former neighbor, Verna Faylor.

Helen Miller was the guest of honor at a family gathering in her home Saturday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday. Fifteen members of her family helped mark the occasion with pizza and lots of birthday trimmings.

Wendy Kelly of Lafayette arrived Saturday for an

overnight visit with her mother, Florence Hogan. In the evening, the ladies attended the benefit supper at the Kewanna United Methodist Church that was held for Florence's daughter, Janice Graham.

Tiffany Troutman was the guest of honor at a gathering of family and friends Saturday. The event was in celebration of her birthday and held at the Pizza Hut restaurant in Rochester. Among those helping her celebrate were her mother and brother, Teresa Connor and Tristan; her father, Tim Troutman; her aunt and cousin, Andrea Hook and Rylee; her grandmother, Sherri Lett; her great-grandmother, Helen Whiteman; and friends, Garrett and A.J.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Saturday. Stopping in for an afternoon chat were their daughter and grandson, Karina Bohac and Nick of Rochester.

Helen Whiteman was among the many who attended the benefit supper for Janice Graham Saturday evening. The meal was arranged by a group of Janice's co-workers at Winamac Coil Spring and held at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Judy Scott of Frankfort was a weekend houseguest of her mother, Helen Miller.

Earl and Mary Bangel had several callers Sunday, Feb. 28. Coming for a wonderful day of visiting and helping them celebrate their wedding anniversary were their children and their families Linda Bangel

of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Darel and Nancy Bangel of Ft. Wayne; Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce of Winamac; Bruce and Theresa Bangle, Kevin and Rob, of Indianapolis; and grandchildren, Josh and Sarah Bangel of Lafayette. The family also celebrated several recent family birthdays.

Kay Brown was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her daughter and her family, Sue and Mike McKinney, Molly and Kyle of Rochester. Joining them in the celebration were Kay's husband, Jerry Brown; their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Mick Brown; their son, Mike Brown; their daughter and her family, Angie and Tom Smith, Kaelee, Leighnee, William and Aidan; and their grandson and his family, Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett.

Mackenzie Wassermann was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. Hosting the event were her grandparents, Tom and Linda Garner. Joining them for the special day were Mackenzie's parents and brother, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zach of Valparaiso; her aunt and her family, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna of Twelve Mile; and her uncle and aunt, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Florence Hogan and Wendy Kelly visited with Janice Graham Sunday afternoon.

Ron Miller returned home Tuesday, March 2, to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He had been visiting with his mother, Helen Miller, for the past month.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so

please remember to give them your best regards) are: Evan Baldwin, March 7; Kenny Keyser Jr. and Darla Kumler, March 8; Josh Bangel, Chris Gallagher, Karen Gudorf and Tom Hickle, March 9; Helen Bitterling, Ryonn Doan, Hanna Ehlinger, Barb Gast, Wayne Lamb, Allison McColley and Dr. Tom Troutman, March 10; Patrick Markle and Brenda Whiteman, March 11; Brandon Evers and Brannon Meagher, March 12; and Renata Crissinger, Brian Markle and Jace Rentschler, March 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wagoner will be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 7.

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MWC tourney); JH wrestling vs. Peru at Caston, 6 p.m.

Tues., March 9 - JH wrestling at Winamac with North White, 5:30 p.m.

Wed., March 10 - MWC winter sports awards night at North White, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 11 - JH wrestling at Northfield with North Miami, 5:30 p.m.

Fri., March 12 - JH girls basketball MWC semi-finals, 7<sup>th</sup> at Caston and 8<sup>th</sup> at Winamac, 5:30/7:30

Sat., March 13 - JH wrestling invitational at Logansport Berry Bowl, 9 a.m.

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### Caston Athletic Schedule

Thurs., March 4 - JH girls basketball at North Miami, 6 p.m.; JH wrestling at Logansport Berry Bowl, 5:30 p.m. (originally scheduled for Caston)

Fri., March 5 - Varsity boys basketball sectional at Tri-County, 6:30 p.m.

Sat., March 6 - JH wrestling invitational at Rochester, 9 a.m.; varsity boys basketball championship game at Tri-County, 7:30 p.m.

Mon., March 8 - JH girls basketball vs. Tri-County at Caston, 6 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> round

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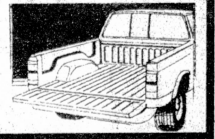
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