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The News In Brief

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the Von Tobel Center, 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, call Johanna Gudas at 574-946-6126 or Maurine Wilder at 574-946-3836.

Caston and Winamac schools are on spring break next week, therefore there are no menus published this week.

The Kewanna town council will meet in special session at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the town hall to sign forms.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, March 19, to open bids for highway supplies and sign a resolution establishing polling sites for the 2010 primary and general elections.

The Emergency Management meeting set for 10 a.m. Friday, March 19, has been cancelled.

North American Youth Sports reports it has several openings in its annual spring youth basketball tourney set for South Bend April 16-18. For more information, call 1-866-352-5915.

The high school music students and their directors from Caston, Winamac and Rochester are to be commended for the wonderful choral program they put on last Thursday at Rochester. The event was in celebration of *March: Music in our Schools Month*. A combined rehearsal was held from 4 to 6 p.m.; the students were served a pizza dinner and then performed at 7:30 p.m. This was the first year for this musical program, but hopefully it won't be the last.

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock reports a 47 percent rise in participation in Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan in spite of the economic downturn. The state is now leading the nation in college savings plans. For more information on the plan, go to www.collegechoiceplan.com.

For possibly the first time in history, more Hoosiers work for the government than for all the factories in the state. The government employees include those working at all levels of government, including schools and publicly owned hospitals.

The Pioneer Panthers were defeated in regional basketball tournament play last Saturday at Triton by Bowman Academy, 86-36. The Panthers finished their season with a 12-11 record.

State health officials are still urging Hoosiers to receive the swine flu shots, especially those

Spaghetti supper and bake sale at Methodist Church

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation and proceeds will be used to send youth to church camp this summer. Carry outs will be available and there will also be a bake sale.

At this time, there are about 30 youth attending the Crossroads and Turning Point youth group meeting on a typical Sunday evening and about half of them have indicated a desire to attend church camp.

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. 9th 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. Forms will be available March 1 until May 15.

AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 22 - Beef Manhattan, mashed potatoes, beets, cake, white bread and milk

Wednesday, March 24 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, strawberries, wheat bread and milk

Friday, March 26 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, brownie, roll and milk

in high risk groups as the shots will build some immunity for next year when the virus is expected to re-emerge. State officials say that less than 11 percent of Indiana residents have been vaccinated.

This is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. Officials warn that everyone should have a plan and know what to do during severe thunder storms and tornadoes. Two important things are to stay low and to stay away from windows.

Cemetery clean up near

It will soon be time for the annual cemetery clean up at the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. If you have grave decorations you would like to save, please remove them, otherwise they will be cleared and disposed of during the clean up. The date and time for the clean up will be announced at a later date.

Woodworkers to meet Saturday

The Tippecanoe Valley Woodworkers will hold its monthly meeting Saturday, March 20, at 9 a.m. at the Pulaski County Highway Garage, U.S. 35 North, Winamac. A pen turning demonstration will take place and there will be more information on testing for moisture in wood. Other topics will be discussed by those in attendance.

All those interested in woodworking at any level are welcome to participate.

Cyclists plan rides

Several rides are being planned by the Round Barn Cyclists and the public is invited to join in them. Rides are planned for:

March 20 (weather permitting). Meet at 9 a.m. at Prairie Edge Park to ride to the Fulton County Museum for the breakfast buffet. Contact person is Barry Hazel, 574-223-1636.

April 24 - Registration opens at 8 a.m. at Rochester City Park for Habitat for Humanity's Great Ride through Fulton County. Registration is \$35 and includes SAG stops. The 50-mile route goes to Kewanna and back, to the north side of Lake Manitou, returning on Fort Wayne Road. The 50-mile riders leave at 9 a.m. Family groups leave at 11 a.m. and will ride various distances. Contact Scott Sayger at 574-223-3422 or Ben Fehrer at 800-348-2454; or go to www.fultoncountyhabitat.org.

May 19 - Meet at 4:30 p.m. at Paradise Truck Stop to ride to Nyona Lake to eat at Mike's Pizza.

June 26 - Meet at Rochester High School parking lot to ride the "Circle Rochester" tour of six miles. The "Circle Rochester" map is available at www.rochsent.com. Time and more details will be announced later. This ride will benefit Relay for Life (cancer).

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

Tax statements to be on time

Fulton County Assessor Judy Dancy, Fulton County Auditor Judy Reed, and Fulton County Treasurer Lorie Hurst report they have completed the 2009 pay 2010 tax preparations.

The three officers have worked diligently with the State Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to accomplish getting tax payments back on schedule for the first time in four years. This year's tax statements will be mailed the first part of April. The first installment will be due May 10, 2010 and the fall installment will be due November 10, 2010.

Included in the statements will be a pink homestead verification form that must be filled out and returned to the auditor's office.

For more information, call the assessor at 574-223-2801; the auditor at 574-223-2912; or the treasurer at 574-223-2913.

The DLGF certified Fulton County's 2010 budget order and tax rates Wednesday, March 10, giving the county an opportunity for on-time property tax bills for the first time since 2006. The budget certification came 76 days sooner than last year.

The first step in the tax billing process is the completion of property assessments, which culminates with the submission of a ratio study by the county assessor. A ratio study is a comparison between property sales prices and assessed values in the county to ensure that market values are being used to determine assessed values. Fulton County Assessor Judy Dancy submitted the 2010 ratio study January 20, one day sooner than last year.

Once the DLGF approves the ratio study, the county assessor sends the gross assessed values to the county auditor, who applies exemptions, deductions or abatements to determine the net assessed values - the values upon which tax rates are based. Fulton County Auditor Judy Reed submitted certified net assessed values February 18 - 54 days sooner than the previous year.

Now that the 2010 budget has been certified by the DLGF, the next steps are handled at the county level. The county auditor calculates the bills, which will be mailed by the county treasurer.

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.

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

Food sold at farmers' markets subject of program

"Selling the Whole Truckload", a program relative to food items sold at local farmers' markets will be held Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. The program will be presented at the Fulton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1009 W. 3rd St., Rochester.

The program features Roy Ballard, Purdue Extension Educator from Hancock County, and Deb Gardner of the Fulton County Health Department.

Those selling food items at the local farmers' market will be interested in this meeting.

Ballard will present the marketing program, "Selling the Whole Truckload". The information will cover stands and marketing techniques.

Gardner will present information on food regulations and recent changes in the Indiana laws that affect vendors.

Town superintendent's monthly report

Most of the month was spent putting the new office for the superintendent together - installing shelving, redoing filing cabinets and getting everything in order - some of which had to be re-visited to add accommodations for the ambulance and EMTs.

Much time was spent reviewing maps so town personnel could make proper locates for the storm drain project which is now in progress.

Along with the regular routine, screens were placed on the chlorine vents at the well houses per the state water inspector. The assistant superintendent chauffeured a gentleman around town who was making a video of the areas where the storm drain construction crew will be working.

The water works pumped a total of 984,000 gallons of water during February.

Notice to Kewanna residents

The clerk-treasurer's office at the town hall will close at 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, and will remain closed until Thursday, March 25, at which time regular office hours will resume. The office is normally open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

KHS class of 1970 plans reunion

The Kewanna High School class of 1970 will hold its 40th 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.



Former club members enjoy get together

Former members of the Wayne Township Twentieth Century Extension Homemakers Club met Thursday, March 11, at The Feed Bag restaurant in Fulton. The group enjoyed lunch and a good visit.

Present for the occasion were Charlotte Huffman, Mary Margaret Wagoner, Jean St. Clair, Nancy Douglass, Betty Lease, Lois Heater, Millie Redweik, Florence Bauman, Ellen Walsh and Macey, Vivian Crippen, Shirley Wagoner, Jean Rock, Tammy Vigar and Emily, Kelly Wolfe, Kelsie and Aubry, Dolores Bonnell, Dorothy Lease and Janece Herrold.

The group decided to meet again next month.

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Alan McPherson to speak to Historical Society

Kewanna author Alan McPherson will present a slide program about his latest book, *Botanic Gems-Indiana Public Gardens*, at the Fulton County Historical Society Museum Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

In his travels across Indiana, McPherson has sought out the most outstanding gardens or "botanic gems" whose gates are

open to the public.

The rich array of garden types found in Indiana and neighboring cities of Chicago, Dayton, Cincinnati and Louisville include historical, estate, ethnic, educational, commercial, arboreta, conservatory and pleasure gardens. These verdant sanctuaries are designed with international landscape styles that include English, Italian, French, Japanese and American influences and an eclectic mix of several.

The author shares his finding of these Eden-like retreats during the hour-long program.

Botanic Gems - Indiana Public Gardens is a soft cover book containing 134 pages published by Authorhouse of Bloomington and sells for \$27.95.

Other books by this local artist are also available in the museum gift shop and can be purchased after the meeting. Members and the public are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Historical Society elects officers

The board of directors has elected officers for the Fulton County Historical Society for 2010. These officers include Lois Ulerick, president; Mike Wise,

vice president; Jean Cloud, secretary; and Lola Riddle, treasurer. Board members are Dennis Todd, Aubbeenaubee Township; Mike Wise, Henry; Jim Sutton, Liberty; Carol Boyer, Newcastle; Lola Riddle, Richland; Marvin Good, Union; Mildred Redweik, Wayne; and Lois Ulerick, Rochester. Board members at-large include Phyllis Thomas, Mary Weir, Kyle Van Meter, Kevin Kennedy, Jean Cloud, Marsha Glassburn and Fred Oden, Jr.

The board of directors meet at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the museum. Sometimes meeting dates or times are changed due to conflicting festivals. On March 20, the board will meet at 12 noon after the breakfast buffet, a fund raiser to replace the furnace in the main part of the museum. The all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet will run from 7 to 11 a.m. Tickets are available from members or at the museum office, or they can be purchased at the door.

Alan McPherson, Kewanna, will give a program about Indiana's botanical gardens on March 21. Bob Cessna of Rochester will share his World War II memories on May 23. Both programs start at 2 p.m. and the public is welcome.

Other upcoming events at the museum include the annual fish and chicken fry Saturday, May 1, at the museum. The fish and chicken will be cooked by Ernie Hiatt. Festivals planned for 2010 include the Redbud Trail Rendezvous, April 24 and 25; Historical Power Show, June 18 - 20; Trail of Courage, September 18 and 19; and the Haunted Woods Trail, October 15 and 16 and 22 and 23.

The Swingin' Dudes are not going to continue their apple dumpling booth at the Trail of Courage. If any Fulton County nonprofit group is interested in selling apple dumplings and apple butter at this event, call the museum at 574-223-4436.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

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.

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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.

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.

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. Contact: Midwest Coin Shows (317) 539-2895 or 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.

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.

12th Annual Spring Indianapolis Bead, Gem, Mineral Show & Jewelry Show: March 26 - 28 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$5 (good all 3 days); 16 and younger free with adult. Contact Van Wimmer (540) 384-6047.

Green Fest Indy 2010: March 26 - 28 in the Toyota Exposition Hall. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$8; children under 12 free; \$2 discount for carpooling with 3 adults, riding a bike or taking the bus. Contact Green Fest Expos, Inc. (317) 641-1919 or www.greenfestindy.com.

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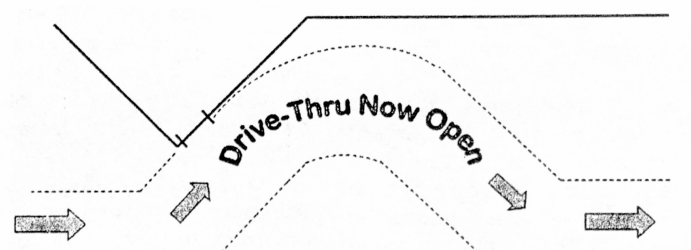
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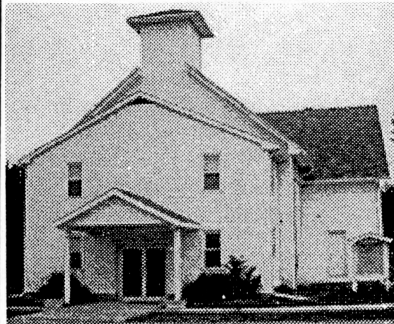
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 Admissions - Pauline Snyder and Barbara Hutchison, Argos
 Dismissals - Elizabeth Walker, Terry Walker, Kylie Coleman, Carmella Jackson and Frances Phillips, all of Rochester
 Births - Timothy and Dorothy Elsea, Plymouth, a son
 March 9
 Admissions - Marcella Murphy, Peru; Linda Hornbeck, Rochester
 March 10
 Admissions - Judy Spencer, John Pugh and Elbert Young, all of Rochester; Brenda Miller, Akron
 Dismissals - Patricia Kitts and Dorothy Elsa and son, Plymouth; Reed Jacobs and Linda Hornbeck, Rochester
 Births - Heather Bentley, Mentone, a son
 March 11
 Admissions - Mable Wolfe, Kewanna
 Dismissals - Marcella Murphy, Peru
 March 12
 Admissions - Amy Calvert and Dorine Kabell, Rochester
 Dismissals - Judy Spencer and John Pugh, Rochester; Brenda Miller, Akron

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DEATHS

RUTH NELLANS URBIN
 Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Kewanna United Methodist Church for former Kewanna resident, Ruth Nellans Urbin, 90, Rochester. Rev. Steven McPeck officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Urbin passed away at 2:24 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.
 Born May 10, 1919, at her parents' farm home east of the Olive Branch Church west of Fulton, she was the daughter of

Guy and Bertha Barker Nellans. She was married January 4, 1938 in Syracuse to John W. Urbin of Kewanna. He preceded her in death on November 26, 1994. Ruth was a 1937 graduate of Fulton High School.

The Barker and Nellans families were very musical and as a child at home, they had Sunday night sing-alongs. Ruth loved music and she and her sister, Rachel, even sang on WLS Radio, Chicago. She was still singing and playing the piano two weeks before her death.

Ruth and her husband traveled the world on trips from Chevrolet and spent many winters in Lehigh Acres, Florida. Her last trip to Florida was February through March 2009 to spend time with her daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne Anne and Brian Markle, and the grandchildren who live in Naples. She enjoyed revisiting the places she saw years ago during her winters there.

Ruth loved birds, flowers and gardening. She sewed for all of her children and herself keeping them in the latest styles. She raised African violets under grow lights in her basement for years and was a member of two clubs in which the members traded slips to start a new plant. When she and John built an in ground pool in 1963, the grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and sometimes all the neighborhood children, enjoyed endless hours of fun. Especially when she served her famous chocolate malts made with her homemade chocolate syrup. She also enjoyed bowling with her husband in Winamac and Rochester. Her favorite pastime in her later years was all the grandbabies that came into her life. She was a member of the Kewanna United Methodist Church where she was formerly a member of the choir and member and former president of the WSCS. She was also a member of the Kewanna Eastern Star and the Kewanna Mothers Club.

Ruth is survived by her children, Janet Burkett and her husband, Jerry, Rochester, Jill Leazenby, Carmel, Jack Urbin

and his wife, Jean, Kewanna, Joy Troutman and her husband, Thomas, Rochester; a son-in-law, Brian Markle, Naples, Florida; a sister-in-law, Martha Ann Cook, Kewanna; 13 grandchildren, Jeralyn and Steve Hines, Rochester, Jay and Robin Burkett, Chicago, Illinois, Paige and Jim Simpson, Naples, Florida, Patrick and Mirela Markle, Charlotte, North Carolina, Jeremy and Nicole Markle, Louisville, Kentucky, David and Erica Leazenby, Carmel, Amanda and Chad Kaluza, Carmel, Damon Leazenby, Noblesville, April and Ben Donahue, Honolulu, Hawaii, Adam Troutman, Columbus, Ohio, Alissa Troutman, Naples, Florida, Abby and Gary Rom, Valparaiso, and Jessica and Jeremy Rentschler, Fulton. She is also survived by 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter, Jeanne Anne Markle on May 26, 2009, a brother, Carol Nellans, and a sister, Rachel Rentschler.

A visitation was held Monday evening at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, and an hour prior to the service at the church.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Kewanna United Methodist Church, Box 398, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

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Immunizations available at Health Department

The Fulton County Health Department offers an immunization clinic every Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. The fourth Wednesday of every month clinic hours are extended to 6 p.m. Parents are urged to beat the school rush and take their children to the clinic early to receive their school immunizations.

Children entering kindergarten in the 2010-2011

school year will need to be immunized before attending school. Students entering the 6th through 12th grade and first year college students are required additional immunizations as well.

In addition to the previously required immunizations, students entering pre-school or kindergarten (4-6 years old) must have two documented varicella vaccines, separated by at least three months, or written documentation that they have had the disease (chicken pox).

Students entering 6th through 12th grade and first year college students must have one DTap vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis); one meningitis vaccine (MCV4); two varicella vaccines (chicken pox) or documentation of the disease.

Guidelines for immunizations can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

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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 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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Employee of the year

Angie Fox was named "Employee of the Year" at Hickory Creek of Winamac during ceremonies held last Friday afternoon. Angie is an LPN and will complete her Bachelors Degree at Ivy Tech, Logansport, in May. She plans to then pursue her Master's Degree in Nursing. Other nursing home staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty during the year were also recognized.

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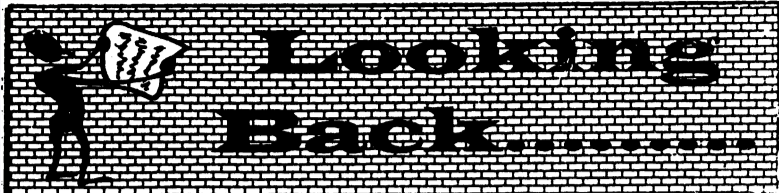
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SIXTY YEARS AGO
March 17, 1950

George Grosskopf, Indianapolis, has been employed as the new coach at Grass Creek School it was announced earlier this week by the principal, Charles Stephens. Stephens, who has been coach for the past four years, served as the athletic mentor and principal this year. He will continue to serve as principal.

The Union township advisory board has accepted a bid offered by Guy Urbin Auto Co. for a 48-passenger bus body. The truck to be put under this new body was purchased by Cloyd Zuck. The new bus will be put in use March 20 to replace Mr. Zuck's old bus.

Mrs. Amanda Van Meter, 82, Grass Creek, passed away Saturday morning at the home of a son, Ernest, in South Bend. The daughter of Israel and Susan Swank Smith, she was married to Martin L. Van Meter who died in 1943. Services were conducted Wednesday at the Harrison Funeral Home, Kewanna, and burial was in the Grass Creek Cemetery. Surviving are five sons including Floyd of Grass Creek; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eddy announced today that they are doing a complete renovation job of their property, lately a restaurant ran by George Lane. The painting, building, plumbing and activity will result in a modern and up-to-date drive-in restaurant.

The cast of characters for the play "The Ghost Chaser", a mystery comedy to be given by the Kewanna Methodist Adult

Fellowship March 17, has been announced. The cast includes June Miller, Harold Hyatt, Virginia Gady, Alice Felder, Kenneth Cook, Louis Welsh and Grant Felder.

Several little friends and neighbors dropped in at the home of Ruth Ann Anderson, Lake Bruce, Thursday evening and helped her celebrate her 10th birthday. Guests included Jane and Billy Warfield, Katherine Hurlburt, Carol Johnson, Carolyn Jackson, Billy and David Werner, Sue Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Werner, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson and Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilliland, Kewanna, are the parents of a baby girl born Monday at Woodlawn Hospital.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
March 17, 1955

Miss Pauline Mosher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mosher of here, graduated March 10 from International College in Fort Wayne.

The Prairie Grove Youth Fellowship met and organized Sunday, March 13, immediately after church. The following officers were elected: Joan Showley and Alan Grube, co-presidents; Margaret Chizum, secretary; Sara Hunter, treasurer; Carolyn Showley, pianist; and Lawrence Overmyer, song leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickle entertained a few friends and relatives at a dinner Saturday to honor the birthdays of Nancy Knicker, Christine Brooks, Tom Hickle, Richard Luketich, William Knicker and Robert Knicker.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Garner, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born March 16 at Woodlawn Hospital.

John Fields, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fields, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has been admitted to Woodlawn Hospital.

Alto Delbert Roy Rans, Jr. arrived home this week after being discharged from the Air Force at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Theresa Miller, a student at I.U., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Miller.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
March 17, 1960

The Kewanna town board has hired Eldon Sherbondy of North Judson as night watch. He replaces David Besse who resigned to accept employment with Winamac Coil Spring.

Mrs. Kathrine Siudut, 63, Rt. 1, Kewanna, died Monday in Starke Memorial Hospital. Survivors include a son, Sylvester, who is the proprietor of the local variety and dry goods store.

The Kewanna Fire Department was called to the John Hott farm, Rt. 4, Rochester, Thursday evening to extinguish a fire in a bale of hay. However, the fire was out when the department arrived. A spark from a gasoline motor which ran the elevator caused the hay to catch fire.

Victor Montz, Kewanna, graduated March 10 from International College, Fort Wayne, with an associate degree in accounting. He is a 1987 graduate of Kewanna High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montz, Kewanna.

Mrs. Nettie Heimburger, Lafayette, wife of Rev. Earl Heimburger, died Sunday, March 13, at her home. She was born in Kewanna and was the daughter of Oliver and Margaret Wilson Cook. Funeral services were held in Lafayette and burial was in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery.

A family get-together was held Sunday, March 6, in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shadle which celebrated the 90th birthday of her father, H. N. Blair of Culver.

Mrs. Burdette Garner hosted a birthday party Wednesday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Vicki, who was celebrating her fifth birthday. Guests included Dana and Nancy Crabill, Johnny Taylor and Gary House.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
March 18, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Ewen, Rt. 6, Rochester, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 21, at an open house in their home. Mr. and Mrs. Ewen were married March 24, 1940 in Kewanna. Mrs. Ewen is the former Lois Kumler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Overmyer, Rt. 1, Kewanna, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 21, with an open house at Zion Gospel Chapel Church.

Lonnie Showley, Kewanna, has received a varsity letter for basketball at Butler University according to Coach Tony Hinkle. The 6'5" center saw action in 21 games in a relief role and is slated to be the starting center for the 1965-66 Butler Bulldogs.

The Wohelo 4-H Club met March 9 at the school to elect officers for the coming year. Chosen to serve were Ann Zuck, president; Mary Lou Wilson, vice president; Sally Masteller, secretary; Kathy Plantz, corresponding secretary; Kathy Hogan, treasurer; Sherri Evans, reporter; Judy Wilson, health and safety; Luella Burton, health and safety assistant; Joan Lamb, recreation; Debbie Cessna, recreation assistant; Janet Evers, song leader; Cynthia Hunter, assistant song leader; Cynthia Hunter; Barbara Byfield, devotional leader; Diane Hott, assistant devotional leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Manson Leap, Rt. 4, Rochester, were the guests of honor at a surprise party held March 4 at Zion Gospel Chapel north of Lake Bruce. The occasion was in celebration of the couple's 25th wedding

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anniversary.

Susan Donathen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Donathen, Rt. 3, Kewanna, was recently installed as Worthy Advisor of Faith Assembly No. 114, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

March 20, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Don Woolington, owners of Kewanna Lumber Co., recently rebuilt their store on Railroad Street and are busy stocking the showroom with hardware, paint and building supplies. They also plan to handle a lot of "do-it-yourself" items to help consumers beat the high cost of remodeling and repair.

Dr. E. Maj'd Reiling, Jr. opened a medical practice last Thursday in the Fulton medical building at the corner of State Road 25 and Dunn St. Dr. Reiling lives with his family in Indianapolis, but plans to move to Fulton.

Vera Singer Wickline will present her music students in a recital Friday, March 21, at the Sharon Wesleyan Church. Former students Bonnie Brown and Sally Perkins will be featured.

Diana Swafford was pictured with the persons sponsoring her in the 1980 Miss Indiana Teen - U.S.A. pageant. Her sponsors included Harry Richter, representing the Kewanna Progressive Association and the Farmer's and Merchants Bank; Harold Hyatt, Kewanna Safety Products; and Joe Brady, representing the James F. Talbott VFW Post.

Becky Herrold was hostess for the March meeting of the New Idea Club. Election of officers was held with Kenan Bitterling elected president; Tami Powell, vice president; Jill Leazenby, secretary; and Sheri Cook, treasurer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

March 15, 1990

Molly Stoudt, a sophomore at Pendleton Heights High School, earned a \$1,000 check when she took first place in the Project XL (Excellence) competition in Indianapolis recently. Stoudt wrote and entered a 2,000-word story entitled "Sight of the Ceiling" after her English teacher told her about Project XL. Molly is the daughter of Bill and Martha Stoudt, Anderson,

and the granddaughter of Harriet Stoudt, Kewanna.

Army Private John D. Kegarise has completed a tracked vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky. John is a 1989 graduate of Caston Educational Center and the son of Don and Kathy Kegarise, Kewanna.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Frain Mortuary, Winamac, for Octavia Olive Galbreath, 91, who died Sunday in the Autumn Care Nursing Home, Brownsburg. Rev. Bryan Ton officiated and burial was in the Winamac Cemetery. Survivors include a sister, Helen Shadle, of Kewanna.

Deanna Rene Showley, Rt. 1, Kewanna, has been named to the Dean's List at Indiana University for the first semester of the 1989-90 school year. She will be among those honored April 8 at the university's traditional Founders Day program.

Frances Arndt Kantrow Staedtler, Pensacola, Florida, celebrated her 90th birthday February 26. She recently spent six weeks here with her sister, Antonia Arndt Gudas. She was honored at a family gathering hosted by her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Redweik, Rt. 2, Kewanna.

Don and Doris Woolington, Kewanna, attended a band concert at Huntington College Sunday. Three of their grandsons, Scott Hassenplug of Woodburn, and Brad and Brian Hassenplug, Rt. 2, Kewanna, participated in the concert.

TEN YEARS AGO

March 16, 2000

Christine J. Wells, Rochester, has filed her candidacy for Fulton County Superior Court Judge.

A sketch of a new park area proposed for the lots just east of the local post office was shown. Funds for the park will come from a Lilly grant through the Fulton County Foundation. The park was designed by Wade Bussert and Jeff Skersick of Visual Effects, who will also be responsible for the landscaping work.

Millie Redweik, Kewanna, has been named the Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District. Millie is the sixth grade science and advanced reading teacher at Pioneer.

Mary K. Williamson underwent surgery at St. Vincent Hospital in Carmel last Friday.

Kristy K. Baker and Linda Bauman, Kewanna, have been named to the fall term honor roll at the University of Indianapolis.

**Genealogy Workshop
April 10 features
DAR & SAR -
Daughters & Sons of
American Revolution**

An all-day genealogy workshop at the Fulton County Museum will be held April 10, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Presenters will include Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, and speakers from the Allen County Library and Fulton County Library.

The workshop will cost \$25, which includes lunch, coffee and donuts, hand-outs and help on computer research. Pre-registration is \$20 if check is mailed by April 1 to Genealogy Section, Fulton County Hist. Soc., 37 E 375 N, Rochester IN 46975. For more information, call 574-223-4436.

Schedule:
8:30 - 9:00 Registration, coffee and donuts. Book display from Fulton County Museum and presenters.
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by Shirley Willard, Regent of Manitou Chapter DAR, and Dora Jones, President of Genealogy Section of Fulton County Historical Society. Invocation by Miriam Carnahan, State DAR Chaplin.
9:15 - 10:15 Katie Bloom, Fort Wayne - Use of U.S. Census Records and Military Pension Records.
10:15 - 11:15 April Gross and John Davis, Rochester - Genealogy Resources at the Fulton County Library.
11:15 - 11:30 Break - Coffee available, also pop machine.
11:30 - 12:30 Sons of the

American Revolution. Ed Hitchcock and Ron Burkhart, Bloomington, Ind., in Revolutionary War uniforms, will tell about Patriot graves and SAR application research.
12:30 - 1:30 lunch served in museum. Blessing by Ron Burkhart, SAR. Tour museum and Tetzlaff Reference Room.

1:30 - 3:00 Concurrent sessions - Help in filling in SAR and DAR applications. Miriam Carnahan, Howe, and Nancy George, South Bend, will explain how to fill in DAR applications. They and Burkhart will bring their laptops and fill in applications on the spot so they are ready to be mailed. Bring your documentation for each generation.

Coffee, pop and snack machines available for those desiring a break.

3:00 - 5:00 Melinda Clinger, Rochester, will provide genealogy research on the Internet. Participants will need to take turns.

Presenters:
Kathryn Bowen Bloom is a member of Mary Penrose Wayne DAR Chapter, Ft. Wayne. She serves on National Linage Research, Volunteer Genealogists & Field Genealogist. She is a Volunteer Genie at the Allen County - Fort Wayne Library.

April Sweet Gross, Rochester, is the computer technician at Fulton County Library. She has launched a special project to record graves in Fulton County. John Davis is in charge of the Indiana Room at the Fulton County Library, which includes much local genealogy.

Edward Hitchcock and Ronald Burkhart, Bloomington, are members of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Bedford, Indiana. Burkhart is the President and Hitchcock is the Genealogist. Check out their chapter at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~jndqcsar/. You can also check out

the work Ed and Ron do and check your county for patriots: www.graves.insar.org.

Nancy Harter George, is a member of Schuyler Colfax DAR Chapter, South Bend. She now serves on Indiana State DAR Board as Organizing Secretary and Chapter Revitalization.

Miriam Harter Carnahan is a member of LaGrange De Lafayette DAR Chapter, LaGrange. She now serves on Indiana State DAR Board as State Chaplain.

Melinda Clinger, Rochester, is the Fulton County Museum Director. She has worked for FCHS for over 25 years and has done several branches of her family tree, helping her niece and nephew with 4-H genealogy projects.

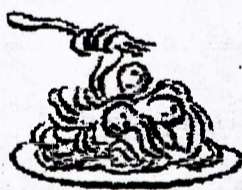
Shirley Ogle Willard, Rochester, was president of Fulton County Historical Society for 30 years, 1971-2001. She has done a lot of historical and genealogical research, specializing in Potawatomi and local resources. She is Regent of Manitou Chapter DAR. She edits Fulton County Folk Finder, published by FCHS Genealogy Section twice a year, and the Potawatomi Trail of Death Assn. Newsletter, also published twice a year.

Dora Leininger Jones, Akron, is president of the Genealogy Section of Fulton County Historical Society. She writes a column about research for each issue of the Fulton County Folk Finder.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler

Got fear? There's a phobia for that

We have much to fear. War. Disease. Death. Peanut butter on the roof of our mouth.

Or, to put it another way: traumatophobia, panthophobia, thantophobia and arachibutyrophobia. It seems there's a phobia for everything - and everyone, even the poor soul who's afraid of sticky peanut butter.

Most of us are familiar with some of the common phobias: claustrophobia is a fear of closed spaces, agoraphobia a fear of people or crowds; acrophobia is a fear of heights.

We've heard of these. But how about ataxophobia and atelophobia? They represent fear of disorder and imperfection. Their good friend is amathophobia - fear of dust. If you have any of these, I would advise staying far away from my house where imperfection is the norm, disorder is the order and dust bunnies run rampant.

Like fear of war, disease and death, there are some phobias that are easy to understand. Lophobia (fear of poison) and hadephobia (fear of hell), are terms most of us can relate to.

But how about fear of otters (lutraphobia)? Otters are such happy animals. What's to fear, a

slap from their flat little tails?

People who experience kyphophobia fear stooping. How random is that? I haven't had the need to stoop for weeks now. I assume people with this phobia suffer from bad knees, sore ankles or maybe plumber's pants that make stooping uncomfortable or even an embarrassment.

Helminthophobics fear being infested by worms. Worm infestation is definitely not on my top ten to-do list. No one wants their innards filled with worms - even when one is six-feet-under. Yes, worm infestation is unpleasant business and something we all can fear.

Here's one of my favorites: hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. Are you ready? Fear of long words. I need say no more on this one. Love it.

A person with amnesiphobia fears amnesia. How illogical is that? If a person did get amnesia, then they wouldn't remember that they had amnesiphobia anyway. So, in essence their phobia is a fear of not being able to remember their fear.

Then there's antiophobia - fear of floods. Especially hard-hitting, if your name is Noah. Cryphobia - a fear of extreme cold, ice or frost - can be detrimental to hockey moms. I work to avoid cryphobia at all

costs by spending six months of the year in close proximity to my long johns and snow pants.

Some phobia names teach us about language. Frigophobia, a fear of cold things, is obviously the origin of the phrase, "It's friggin' cold in here." Frigophobics and cryphobics often hang out together in saunas and other warm places.

Ablutophobia is a fear of washing or bathing, and goes a long way to explain the behavior of my little boys. I thought they avoided baths because they wanted to spend more time playing. Turns out their behavior stems from fear and is in need of a label. I guess this makes me a deficient mother, however there is no phobic term for fear of being a deficient mother. Interesting. Fear not, my children - mommy's here, and it's bath time!

Has anyone heard of walloonphobia? I'm pretty sure I don't have it, because before I wrote this article I didn't even know that a Walloon spoke French. In fact, I believe I can say I've never met a Walloon I didn't like.

No discussion of phobias would be complete without the all-encompassing term to beat all terms: panophobia means fear of everything. You can't get any more phobic than that.

My research into phobias made me think of a few of my own.

Celltextophobia is fear of your cell phone bill - something 90 percent of parents of teenagers experience each month.

Keepupwidujonesaphobia describes the fear that the neighbors will get a fancy new car.

A person who fears minivans suffers from dontwanttogrowupaphobia. A fear of Santa is nohohoaphobia. Fear of disco: strobiaphobia, while fear of cutting the grass is mowbiaphobia. And, someone who fears infidelity? A tigerbythetailaphobic.

I could go on and on. (You know I could.) That's because I don't have any of the big three: graphophobia (fear of writing), logophobia (fear of words) or grammatophobia (fear of grammar).

Franklin D. Roosevelt gave us a famous quote about fear. He said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Which, I guess means that we should fear our own phobias. Is there a phobia about phobias? Of course there is. We call it phobophobia.

I'm not making that up.

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Cutwein Votes to Delay Huge Business Tax Increase

Lawmaker hails passage as huge victory for Hoosier employers and job creation

State Rep. Doug Cutwein (R-Francesville) voted in support of Senate Bill 23, the measure that would delay the largest tax increase on employers in the state's history. SB 23 seeks to delay House Bill 1379 (from 2009), which passed the House last year without Rep. Cutwein's support.

Without the passage of SB 23, over \$200 million in taxes would have gone into effect on over 80,000 Indiana employers that provide jobs for over 2 million Hoosiers.

Local employers could have seen a tax increase of up to several hundred dollars per-employee.

After a lengthy conference committee process, Senate Bill 23 was adopted by the House with a 85-12 vote. The Indiana Senate also passed the measure, 50-0. The bill now advances to the governor's desk for final approval.

"Supporting a bill to save Hoosier jobs and help employers is common sense," said Rep. Cutwein. "The economy is in no shape to increase taxes on employers. The passage of this bill will help keep Hoosiers working, and that is exactly what we need."

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Kewanna Youth League

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 ____ Majors Age 11-12

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Fees are \$15.00 per player with a maximum of \$40.00 per family. If assistance is needed for fees please let us know. Forms and fees should be mailed to:

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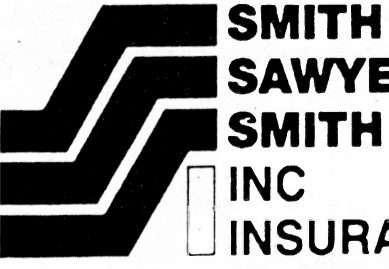
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Cub Scouts hold Blue and Gold banquet

Cub Scout Pack #3215 held its Blue and Gold banquet February 22 at the Caston Educational Center in Fulton.

The group was welcomed by Cub Master Anita Redweik Doan. Each scout and guest was handed a puzzle page to "work on" and when finished they received a ticket which went into a basket for a prize drawing.

The scouts led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cub Scout Promise. The carry-in meal was enjoyed by nearly 100 scouts and family members. Mrs. Doan provided blue and gold decorated cakes commemorating the 100th birthday of Boy Scouting and the 80th birthday of Cub Scouting. She also read a bit of scouting history. Mrs. Doan introduced the den leaders, Tammy Colvin, Tiger Den; Becky Mittica, Wolves; Teresa Hinkle, Bears; Liz Taylor, Webelos 1; and Kim Milburn, Webelos 2.

The leaders handed out the awards earned by the various scouts.

Bears den leader, Teresa Hinkle, presented progress towards ranks emblems and two red beads to Noah Hinkle, Christopher Smith, Noah Colvin, Hunter Emmerd, Chase Mounts and Levi Lowe. Hunter Emmerd and Chase Mounts also received Bobcat badges. Their parents pinned the badges on upside down, until the scout performs a good deed at which time they can turn them right side up.

Becky Mittica, the Wolves den leader, presented achievement beads to Daniel Mittica, Wyatt Brummet, Gavin Hinkle, Jordan Brewer, Zach DeFord, Luke Lowe, Dakota Oldfather and Bryce Crawn.

Webelos 1 awards went to Jacob Taylor, Brennan Fry, Dustin Goforth and Samuel Mittica (sportsman badge and compass point emblem); and Luca Santella (sportsman badge, compass point emblem, wildlife belt loop).

Webelos 2 awards were presented to Brett Milburn, Dakota Hayden and Zach Slocum. All three boys received the leave no trace award, world conservation, communicator pin, forester pin, family member pin, handyman pin, craftsman pin and Arrow of Light. Brett also received the whittling chip card. All three boys have achieved their goal of earning all 20 Webelos activity pins.

The Arrow of Light ceremony was held as the committee

These scouts and their parents participated in the Arrow of Light ceremony during the recent Blue and Gold banquet

chairperson read the "Climb from Tigers to the rank of Boy Scout". The scouts lit the candles as each rank was talked about.

Vanna White (aka Ryonn Doan) pulled prize tickets and gifts were distributed to the winners.

Mrs. Doan handed out and read the winners of gifts from the recent popcorn sales.

The group was reminded of the Pinewood Derby to be held March 29 at Caston.

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ENERGY ASSISTANCE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR NIPSCO CUSTOMERS

With the state's moratorium ending March 15, Northern Indiana Public Service Company reminds low-income customers with outstanding balances that a number of assistance programs and payment arrangements are available to help customers with their utility bills.

Between Dec. 1 and March 15, natural gas utilities in Indiana do not disconnect service to customers enrolled in the state Energy Assistance Program (EAP) who are delinquent on their home heating bills.

"Fortunately, with gas prices being significantly less this winter heating season, we have seen a considerable drop in the amount of customers who have fallen behind on their bill," said Guy Ausmus, Senior Vice President of Customer Engagement for NIPSCO. "Assistance funds are still available for customers who meet specific income guidelines. But, it's imperative that any customer, regardless of income, call us with bill-payment trouble immediately so we have an opportunity to work together to get the customer the assistance they need or see if they qualify for a payment plan."

While the overall number of customers receiving state energy assistance dollars has seen little change from last year, the number of customers who have fallen behind on their utility bills has dropped more than 50 percent from last year at this time.

In addition to funds available to EAP customers, nearly \$5.5 million remains available this year through NIPSCO's Winter Warmth program. Over the past seven years, Winter Warmth has provided nearly \$26 million in

held at Caston Educational Center. Pictured are Kim and Brook Milburn and their son, Brett Milburn; Mark Hayden and

assistance to more than 70,000 customers.

Among the programs available to help customers are:

- **State Energy Assistance Program** - provides qualifying families with bill and crisis assistance. The maximum amount a household can receive is \$715, including a \$200 crisis grant. Household income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

- **Winter Warmth Program** - provides qualifying customers with up to \$450 in annual energy assistance. Eligibility requirements include those customers up to 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, in addition to those who have a financial hardship situation as determined by an administering Winter Warmth agency.

- **Gift of Warmth Fuel Fund** - provides eligible low-income customers whose incomes are at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, and who have received a disconnect notice, with heating bill assistance. NIPSCO matches agency contributions dollar for dollar.

- **Township Trustees** - provides customers with home heating bill assistance. Customers are encouraged to contact their local Township Trustee to see what help is available.

To learn more about available assistance, customers may call 1-800-4-NIPSCO (1-800-464-7726).

A complete listing of intake sites for the state Energy Assistance Program, Winter Warmth Program and Gift of Warmth Fuel Fund can be found on NIPSCO's Web site at NIPSCO.com by clicking "Billing and Payment" on the home page.

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Save those plastic sacks

The third grade class at Caston Elementary School is again collecting plastic shopping sacks hoping to win a contest sponsored by the Cass County Soil and Waste Management District. The school in the district that collects the most plastic sacks will win a bench made from recycled plastic bags.

Interested persons can save their plastic shopping bags and send them to school with a student or deliver them to the school. The bags are delivered to the recycling center in Logansport the second Friday of every month and weighed. It takes about 1,000 bags to weigh 15.6 pounds. Last year, Caston students collected about 2,000 pounds of plastic shopping bags, which gave them a second place finish in the contest for the third year in a row.

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CASTON SPORTS SCHEDULE

March 18 - boys/girls track with Pioneer and Winamac at Caston, 5 p.m.

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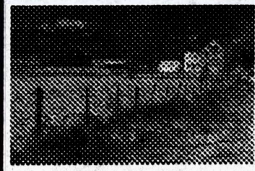
NOTICE OF THE ACTION OF THE FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD WILLIAM WALSH OPEN CAUSE NO. 1-2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Fulton County Drainage Board at its meeting on March 8, 2010 hereby notifies you that the Findings and Order establishing a maintenance rate on said drain has been filed and is available for inspection in the office of the Fulton County Surveyor. If a Judicial Review of the Findings and Order of this Board is not requested within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the order shall become conclusive.

FULTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Renee Colley was in Bartlett, Illinois Friday, March 5. She had a wonderful time attending a performance of the play "Alice in Wonderland" with her son and his family, Eric and Julie Colley, Nathan and Meghan.

Spring is finally on its way. The trees are budding, the robins have returned, people are walking by in shorts, and the baseballs and mitts are coming out of storage.

Earl and Mary Bangel had company mid-week. Coming down for the day to chauffeur them to an appointment was their daughter, Linda Bangel, of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Don and Pauline Scales had a caller Wednesday, March 10. Stopping by in the afternoon for a family visit was their son, Bruce Scales of Fulton.

Rylee Daugherty was the guest of honor at a family gathering Wednesday evening. The occasion was in celebration of her 6th birthday and held at the Applebee's restaurant in Logansport.

Helen Miller had a visitor Friday, March 12. Coming for a pleasant family chat was her son, Kenneth Miller of Plymouth.

Beth and Ray Weller had houseguests over the weekend. Arriving Friday for a wonderful three-day visit were their daughters, Beth

Ann Deckard and Linda Teft of Lebanon, Ohio, and their granddaughter and great granddaughter, Kelsey Kaufman and Kate

Kay and Jerry Brown had company Friday. Coming over in the evening and bringing along pizza for supper were Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac, and Kay's sister, Karen Kruger of Brownsburg.

Judy Scott of Frankfort arrived Friday for an overnight visit with her mother, Helen Miller.

Helen Whiteman had a visitor Saturday, March 13. Stopping in for a pleasant family chat was her daughter, Sherri Lett.

Jerry and Kay Brown and their daughter and her family, Sue and Mike McKinney and Molly of Rochester, were in Culver Saturday evening. They enjoyed a visit over supper at the Edgewater restaurant.

Florence Hogan had working visitors Sunday, March 14. Coming up to deliver some groceries, tackle some yard work and straighten up the family gravesites were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. The Kellys also visited with Wendy's sister, Janice Graham.

Mary and Earl Bangel were in Pulaski Sunday. They were helping Elsie Scheffer celebrate her birthday with dinner and a large family gathering. Among the many others in attendance were Elsie's daughter and her family, Jean and Louis Bangel and Joyce of Winamac.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Randy Hall, Ryan Hall, Lorna Mollencupp, Haley Rigney, Samson Shaw and Joshua Tom March 21; Larry Bucks, Tina Pasareci and Bryan Thomas March 22; Caitlin Behny, Rob Kumlter, Ron Lett and Jackson Murphy, March 23; Louis Bangel, Dr. Jeff Benterling, Jim James, Michael LaFollette, Spencer Markley and Ryan Troutman, March 24; Steve Hinderlider, Bob Plummer and Taylor Williams, March 25; Cress Hizer, Gabrielle Lewis, Jeff MacLain and Kevin Whiteman, March 26; and Gary Brazier, Candice Cogdill and Vickie Dugan, March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Boyer will be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 28.

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Basket bingo, April 13

Fulton County Special Olympics will sponsor another Longaberger Basket Bingo Tuesday, April 13, at the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rochester. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained for a donation of \$20 for 20 games of bingo. Tickets can be purchased from Ann Bauman, 574-223-7621; Manitou Center, 574-223-6963; Janet Severns, 574-223-4158; John Mollencupp, 574-653-2664; Diana Clemons, 574-223-2611; Carol Housouer, 574-223-2346; Claudia Hartzler, 574-893-4044 or Barb Garringer, 574-223-7888.

This fund raiser will help pay expenses to the Summer Games in Terre Haute.

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Pulaski County Public Library

On March 19th from 10:00 to 12:00 the PCPL in Winamac will be having an Email 101 class. The class is free, but space is limited. For more information, call 946-3432.

Pysansky Craft: How to make Ukrainian Easter Eggs. Mrs. Julia Binkley will be at the PCPL in Winamac on March 19th at 4:30 to give a demonstration on the history of the traditional Eastern European craft. For more information, call 946-3432.

A Fairview School Homecoming will be held March 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Come and share your memories of this country school! For more information, call 946-3432.

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Bereavement support group at Rochester

Hope Hospice and Woodlawn Hospital are offering a support program for people dealing with the loss of a loved one. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Fulton County Public Library in Rochester. Refreshments are provided at each meeting. Upcoming meetings and topics of

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Celebrate Springtime! Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

There's no better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than by planting trees, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for people to participate.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in March will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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