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The News In Brief

The meeting of the Union Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club scheduled for March 23 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at the Kewanna Church of Christ.

The new Ivy Tech campus at Logansport was dedicated last Friday, but the facility has already had to go before the Board of Zoning Appeals to make room for more parking. Enrollment at the new campus has reached 1,400 - far above the numbers estimated when the project started. The request was approved with a few conditions.

The U.S. House of Representatives narrowly passed a health care bill Sunday evening, 219-212. However, the passage of the bill has not put an end to the vociferous debate on health care for the country.

Indianapolis city officials and 2012 Super Bowl organizers have announced a \$7 million loan to revitalize the near-downtown area where an NFL practice center will be constructed for a team to use before the championship game. The facility will become a community center following the game.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet Tuesday, April 13, at 1 p.m. at the Von Tobel Center, 115 W. Pearl St., Winamac. Anyone with vision problems and other interested persons are welcome to attend.

Persons owning stock in Toyota upset over the drop in the Japanese automaker's stock price are headed to court. Their lawsuit claims that company executives deliberately misled investors as well as the public about the extent of accelerator problems in millions of its cars.

Chanse Baldwin, son of Chuck and Barbi Baldwin of Kewanna, was featured in an article in the Pharos-Tribune last week. Chanse is a member of the Caston baseball team. Last season he hit .460 with four home runs and 43 RBIs. The batting average and RBI total both rank second all-time in school history for a single season. Chanse is senior this year and plans to attend IPFW this fall.

Retail gasoline prices are on the upswing and are currently the highest since October 2008.

Caston Junior-Senior High School Principal Doug Olsson resigned his position effective July 1.

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All-you-can-eat spaghetti supper

The Crossroads and Turning Point youth groups will serve an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Saturday, March 27, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the annex of the Kewanna United Methodist Church. The meal will also include garlic bread, salad and drinks. The cost of the meal will be a free will donation. There will be a bake sale for after dinner treats.

The youth will also accept donations for a chance to receive an Easter basket full of goodies.

You can also donate for a chance to receive one of several gifts including a Nintendo DS Lite, games and case; Apple iPod Touch; \$100 John Deere gift card; gardener's set; Mom's bag of goodies (JCPenney gift card, five premium car washes, hair salon gift certificate and more; Dad's box of goodies (Wal-mart gift card, five premium car washes, Applebee's gift certificate and more; two car wash buckets of goodies; and a stainless steel six-piece grill set.

Proceeds from the event will help finance the youth who want to attend church camp this summer.

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Door prize winners at T & T Rent-All's 8th annual open house last Wednesday in Rochester were Karen Shane, Akron, a bag; Richard Briggs, Macy, a Stihl hat; Annie Snipes, Rochester, a Simplicity hat; Becky Meade, Rochester, a \$50 gift; Carmel Manns, Akron, a Snapper Pro tan hat; and Brady Bryant, Rochester, a Snapper Pro green hat.

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet in special session at 9 a.m. Monday, March 29, in the Fulton County Office Building, Rochester, to discuss remediation plans for the old county landfill.

The Fulton County Commissioners and Fulton County Council will meet in joint session Wednesday, March 31, at 8 a.m. in the Fulton County Office Building, Rochester, for the third reading on several ordinances including the creation of an Emergency Medical Services advisory board; establishing an Emergency Medical Service account; amending the salary ordinance; adopting an ambulance fee schedule; and amending the budget ordinance. The joint group will also consider establishing a drug interdiction fund.

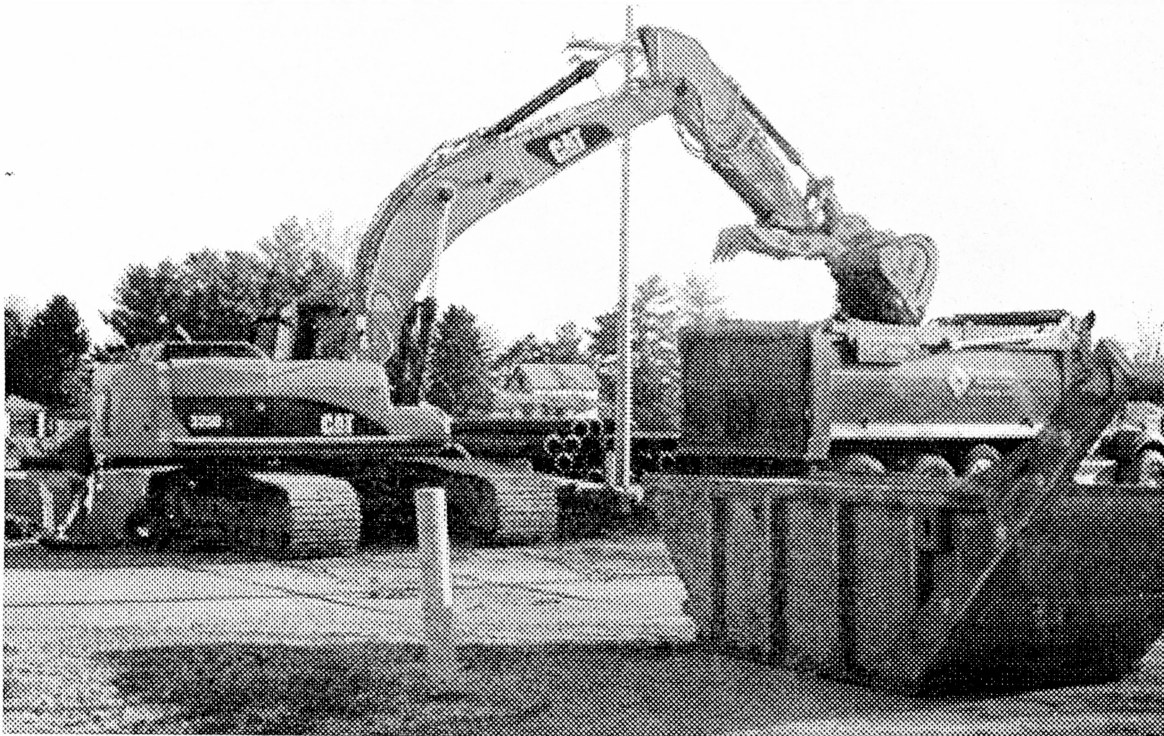
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CASTON SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 30 - boys/girls track with White's and West Central at Caston, 5 p.m.; varsity baseball scrimmage at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 1 - boys/girls track with North White and Wabash at Caston, 5 p.m.

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Storm drain project in progress

Work is in progress on installing new storm drains that should eliminate nearly all the town's flooding problems during heavy rain fall. Installation of the new storm drain commenced behind Winamac Coil Spring, Inc. The new tile will run down

Smith Street to Liberty Street where it will turn eastward to East Street, then south to Park Street. At its inception, the tile is 36" in diameter. The Toner Street storm drain will also tie into the new drain tile. If funds allow it, new tile will be installed on Smith Street from Liberty to half a block south of Pearl Street; and on Main Street from East

Street to Railroad Street. New catch basins will be installed at every corner along with the new drain tile.

Funds for the new storm drain tile, including engineering and grant writer/administrator fees, comes from a \$1 million grant. The town does not have to contribute any matching funds.



Remodeling begins for EMS accommodations

Local contractor John Briney is busily preparing the old town hall meeting room and police department office space into accommodations for the emergency medical personnel employed by the county's new ambulance service.

If on schedule, an ambulance will once again be based in Kewanna by mid-April. Instead of being operated by volunteers as in the past, the new service will have personnel on staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The upgrades include a new bathroom, including a shower, two small bedrooms, a kitchen and a common room. The office space for the town superintendent will be enlarged and a new half bath will be installed for town employees.

The remodeling includes new electrical wiring and central air conditioning. Funds for the

upgrades will come from the local option income tax (LOIT) adopted by the county commissioners. LOIT funds will also be used to operate and maintain the area for the county ambulance service.

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Churches set Holy Week services

The Pleasant Hill/Kewanna United Methodist Churches will hold an Easter sunrise service Sunday, April 4, at 7 a.m. at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Lake Bruce. Barry and Donna Frisinger of Rochester will present the sunrise service. A carry-in breakfast will follow at 8 a.m.

Maundy Thursday services will be held Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m. at the Kewanna United Methodist Church and Good Friday services will be held at the Pleasant Hill church on April 2 at 7 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to attend any or all services.

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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.

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Easter egg hunt Saturday

The Women's Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 will host its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 27, at the local fire station, 404 N. Toner St., Kewanna. The festivities will run from 2 to 4 p.m. and children, infants through the age of 11, are invited to participate.

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Clubs Societies Personals



Genealogy Workshop on April 10

Manitou Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will join Daniel Gutherie Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution for an all day Genealogy Workshop April 10. The event will be held at the Fulton County Museum, 8:30am-5:00pm.

DAR officers and Field Genealogists, SAR presenters, representatives from Fulton County Library and the Allen County-Ft. Wayne Library, and Fulton County Museum will be on hand to help participants with their family research and DAR or SAR applications. Classes will include "Using the U.S. Census", "Genealogy Research on the Internet", and "Genealogy Resources in the Fulton County Library".

Pre-registration by April 1 should be sent to Genealogy Section, Fulton County Historical Society, 37E 375N, Rochester, IN 46975. The cost is \$20, and includes materials, Continental Breakfast and lunch, and hands on individual help with family research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their family research information with them. After April 1, the registration cost is \$25. For more information call 574-223-4436.

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Easter egg hunt, April 2

The Fulton County 4-H Junior Leaders will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for the public Friday, April 2, at the Fulton County Fairgrounds in Rochester.

Registration begins at 4:15 p.m. and the hunt begins at 4:30 p.m. Children age eight and under are welcome to participate. Candy and other prizes will be awarded and the children can get their picture taken with a bunny.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

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.

DAR State Chaplain Miriam Carnahan, State Organizing Secretary Nancy George, and DAR member Melisa Crosley prepare for the upcoming Genealogy Workshop on April 10, 8:30am-5pm, at the Fulton County Museum.

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Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo: April 9 - 11 throughout the Fairgrounds. Hours: Fri. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Rodeo (Pepsi Coliseum) at 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Rodeo (Pepsi Coliseum) at 8 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$4 for youth; at the door \$15 for adults and \$6 for youth; children

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 A series of group classes will be offered to anyone interested in learning more about managing Diabetes.

Class 1 — What is diabetes, monitoring, regulating blood glucose, medications, and exercise.

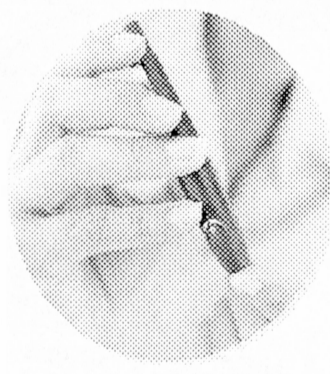
Class 2 — How what you eat affects diabetes, label reading, dining out, meal planning.

Class 3 — Learning to live with diabetes, personal health habits, sick-day guidelines, long-term complications, changing behavior, putting the pieces together.

Class Dates: April 13, 20, 27
Class Times: 1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.
Location: Woodlawn Hospital Classroom C
Cost: \$10 (for series)
Instructors: Jennifer Mollencupp, MD, Maureen Neeley, FNP-C, & Betsy Wolfe, Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietitian

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

March 15
Admissions - Dorine Kabell and Rickey Willard, Rochester; James Casteel, Akron
Dismissals - Pauline Snyder, Argos; Heather Bentley and son, Mentone; Mable Wolfe, Kewanna; Elbert Young and Amy Calvert, Rochester
March 16
Admissions - Betty Tignor, Rochester
March 17
Dismissals - Barbara Hutchinson, Argos; and James Casteel, Akron
March 18
Dismissals - Betty Tignor, Rochester
March 19
Admissions - Tyler Gamble and Katherine Beebout, Rochester

DEATHS

GREGORY L. McMILLEN

A celebration of life was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 22, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Gregory L. McMillen, 54, Rochester. Pastor Fred Dorisse officiated and interment was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Mr. McMillen died at 6:10 a.m. Friday, March 19, 2010, at his residence.
Born April 22, 1955, in South Bend, he was the son of Gary and Carolyn Burkett McMillen. He was married June 20, 1981, at the 1st Christian Church, Rochester, to Lisa Frances Savage.
Greg is survived by his wife, Lisa, a daughter, Melea McMillen, and a son, Garrett McMillen, all of Rochester; his mother and step-father, Carolyn and Bruce Hodgson, Cadillac, Michigan; his father and step-

mother, Gary and Donna McMillen, Evert, Michigan; five sisters, Cheryl McMillen, Falls Church, Virginia, Jazanne McMillen of Gallatin, Gateway, Montana, June Mitchell and her husband Jim, Evert, Michigan, Margaret Westmaas and her husband Dave, Marion, Michigan, and Deb Bryant and her husband Dennis, Evert, Michigan; four brothers, Mitchell McMillen and his wife Lisa, New Milford, Connecticut, Jon McMillen, Huntsville, Alabama, Bill Flachs, Evert, Michigan, and Chuck Flachs and his wife, Karen, Evert, Michigan; a sister-in-law, Susie See and her husband Barry, Twelve Mile; a brother-in-law, Klise Savage and his wife Ginny, Kewanna; a special cousin, Janet Rock and her husband Darl, Rochester; and his hunting buddies, Greg Halfast and Dick Eurit; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Monday. Memorials may be made in his name to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

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JANICE E. (HOGAN) GRAHAM
Janice E. (Hogan) Graham, 52, Kewanna, passed away at 7:38 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010, in

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.
Born January 10, 1958 in Rochester, she was the daughter of John E. "Jack" Hogan and Florence (Brown) Hogan. She was married March 5, 1988, in Kewanna to Eldon "Ozzie" Graham. He preceded her in death on February 21, 2007.
A 1976 graduate of Kewanna High School, Janice was employed at Winamac Coil Spring Co. in Kewanna where she worked in quality control.
She was a member of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 Ladies Auxiliary. Her hobbies included playing solitaire, working puzzles, watching NASCAR and doing yard work. Janice was always looking out for others and she was a regular volunteer at the Special Olympics. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren.
Survivors include her mother, Florence Hogan, Kewanna; three daughters, Stephanie Malchow and her husband Mike of Rochester, Jamie Smith of Monticello, Wendy Shock and her husband Jonathan of Kewanna; three sisters, Kathleen Dees and her husband Rudy, Visalia, California, Wendy J. Kelly and her husband Daniel of West Lafayette, and Alice L. White and her husband Darrell of Winamac; one brother, Michael E. Hogan, Kewanna; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Hogan, her husband, Ozzie

Graham, and one sister, Linda Federer.
Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday, March 25) at the Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna, with Pastor Scott Meneely officiating. A visitation was held Wednesday evening and also one hour before the time of service. Burial will be in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Kewanna-Union Township Volunteer Fire Department/First Responders, Box 95, Kewanna, IN 46939. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancerive - Melanoma
Dr Brian Johnson will be speaking on "How skin cancer screening may save your life" at the next Cancerive Support Group **March 30** from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Conference Center.

Prenatal Class
The next prenatal "mini-class" is **April 10** from 9 am to 3 pm. The purpose of Prenatal Classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understand the process of labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation techniques to manage labor, what to expect when you come to the hospital, and how to take care of yourself and the baby after delivery. Parents are encouraged to attend classes

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

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

Outpatient Smoking Cessation Classes
Pulaski Memorial Hospital's Cardiopulmonary Outpatient will be providing an outpatient smoking cessation program that begins **April 13** and will run for eight weeks. The group will meet once a week from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the hospital Conference Center. Fee for the class is \$50 to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to register, call 574-946-2132.
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James F. Talbott Post No. 1121 March Activities

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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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO March 24, 1950

The grand opening of the Jeannette Shop was quite a success according to Mrs. Jeannette Sanders, the owner. There was a steady stream of women going in and out last Saturday and it was estimated that over 200 people attended the event.

Aubrey Zellers, owner of the Curve Inn Restaurant, announced this week that he will establish a café in the uptown district of Kewanna to be known as the Coffee Cup. The Coffee Cup will probably have a capacity of 24; 12 counter stools and three booths. Most of the necessary equipment has already been purchased in anticipation of the move.

Perry Guise, 69, a well known farmer in this vicinity, died Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m. in Rochester. Final rites were conducted at the Zion Methodist Church and burial was in the Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Robert Thomas, owner of Thomas Hardware in Grass Creek, returned last Saturday from Moline, Dubuque and Waterloo, Iowa, where he saw tractors and farm implements manufactured.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, Macy, announce the engagement of their daughter,

Romayne, to Covert Wentzel, son of Mrs. Amanda Wentzel, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 24, 1955

Carl L. Russell, 70, Kewanna, died suddenly Monday at his home of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Thursday in the Harrison chapel with Rev. Frank Biggs officiating. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery.

Mrs. William Link, Rt. 1, Kewanna, remains seriously ill in Robert Long Hospital, Indianapolis.

Donnie Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ingram, Kewanna, received first and second degree burns on his leg Saturday. Donnie, Charles Heinsen and Dick Kumler were pouring gasoline on an old stump they were trying to burn when the gasoline backfired on Donnie's leg.

The Kewanna library is getting a new floor in the basement. The old floor has been torn out and a cement floor in sunset orange is to be put in. About 50 new folding chairs with seats upholstered in chartreuse will be purchased and there will be new drapes in keeping with the color scheme. Leslie House is doing the work.

Several members of the men's and women's Bible class at the

Church of Christ enjoyed a carry-in supper Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Overmyer. The carry-in was a surprise honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Cummins on their 52nd wedding anniversary.

The Witty Knitters were entertained by their organizer, Olive Herrold, at a ham dinner Monday evening.

Mrs. Almeda Moon of Kewanna stepped off a step Saturday and fell, fracturing the bones in her right arm. She was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo where a metal plate was put in her arm.

FIFTY YEARS AGO March 24, 1960

Arvin Carr, former Kewanna resident now living in Winamac, has filed for Pulaski county recorder on the Democratic ticket.

A farm tractor driven by Gerald Moore, 18, Kewanna, and a 1959 car operated by Harold Brown, Rt. 1, Winamac, collided on the west of Kewanna's Main Street Saturday afternoon. Moore was turning the west-bound tractor into the drive at the Alfred Ley farm and Brown, also west bound, was trying to pass on the left when the accident occurred.

Two cars were damaged in an early evening accident Wednesday at the Elra Hogan corner in Kewanna. Cars driven by Earl Latta and Eli Partridge collided when the drivers failed to see each other.

Ermal R. Kimble of South Bend, formerly of Kewanna, died Friday, March 18, at his residence. Survivors include his

mother, Mrs. Elnora Kimble of Kewanna; his wife, the former Dorese Calvin; and three children, Larry, Jerry and JoAnn, all at home.

A 1952 Buick operated by Mrs. Ione Zellers, Kewanna, hit the front of a 1960 Oldsmobile operated by Junior Good, Rochester, Monday evening in Rochester. Mrs. Zellers was backing out of a parking place on Main Street and Good was waiting so he could pull in. Mrs. Zellers accelerated while the car was still in reverse and hit the Good auto.

Jeffrey Skersick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Skersick, Kewanna, underwent a tonsillectomy in Woodlawn Hospital recently.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 25, 1965

Bill Kough, 49, died Friday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Clara Kough. Surviving besides his mother are a son, Michael, North Judson; and two brothers, Frank of Logansport and Ralph of Winamac.

Mrs. Emma Foglesong, Kewanna, has received word of the death of her brother-in-law, Charles Armstrong, in South Bend. Mr. Armstrong died of burns suffered in a fire that completely destroyed his home early Friday morning. Mrs. Armstrong is in serious condition in a South Bend hospital.

Thieves apparently worked two nights in removing a 400 pound safe containing an estimated \$350 in silver, bills and checks from the Kewanna School. The weekend burglary was discovered Monday morning when Patricia Zellers, clerk, reported for work.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montz, Kewanna, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian, to Marvin Koleszar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Koleszar, Rt. 1, Winamac. She is attending IU School of Dental Hygienists and he is serving with the Air Force at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ralph Shrader, Kewanna, entered Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis Tuesday and underwent ear surgery.

FORTY YEARS AGO March 26, 1970

David Sommers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sommers, Rt. 3, Kewanna, received his Scouting God and Country award during church services Sunday at the Star City United Methodist Church. Brad Wallace of Star City also received his award during the ceremony.

John Urbin, Kewanna, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Fulton County commissioner.

Kathleen K. Plantz and Arthur Lee King were united in marriage at the Fulton Baptist Church Sunday, March 22. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plantz, Rt. 1, Kewanna, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyman King, Rt. 6, Rochester.

The Kewanna Mothers' Club met Friday evening, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Johnston. Mrs. Dot Smith was her co-hostess. Entertainment was provided by the Harmonettes from Lafayette, a ladies barber shop quartette.

The Wayne Wide-A-Wake 4-H Club met March 18 at the Grass Creek fire station. Debb Sommers called the meeting to order and pledges were given by Sharon St. Clair and Susie Anderson.

THIRTY YEARS AGO March 27, 1980

Jack Urbin, Republican precinct committeeman from Union Township, was pictured with Congressman Elwood Hillis, guest speaker at the recent Lincoln Day dinner held in the Rochester High School cafeteria.

Alvah Crabb, local librarian, has accepted a \$100 check from the Rochester Eagles Auxiliary. Presenting the check were Ruth Ann Kelly, Judy Crussore and Edith Ysberg. The money will be used to purchase large print books for the library.


The local Cub Scouts met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Zellers Wednesday, March 19, for a boat race. Twenty-three boys participated in the race. The boats were designed and created by the scouts from wood, Popsicle sticks, pencils, plastic, cardboard and old sheet material. The winners were Jeff Johnston, grand champion; Frank Johnson, first place; Jason Smith, second place; and Jeff Bitterling, third.

Jane Drake of Leiters Ford was the winner of the drawing held in conjunction with the remodeling open house held at the Leiters Ford State Bank in Leiters Ford. The prize was the interest on \$1 million for one day at the money market rate, which totaled \$409.75.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milaskey of Calumet City were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Ethel

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Arbuckle. They enjoyed dinner at Pinder's in Culver Saturday evening.

The Bob Collins family hosted a birthday party for their daughter, Ruth Price of Logansport, Sunday evening. Guests included Ida Mullins and the Ronnie Pearson family.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
March 22, 1990

Rochester City Policeman Jeff Markley will graduate Friday from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at Plainfield. Jeff is a former Kewanna resident and the son of Mrs. Evelyn Markley of here.

Kevin T. Sommers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Sommers, Rt. 2, Kewanna, is serving as a judicial intern for the spring semester for U.S. District Court Judge Thomas A. Higgins and Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge George C. Paine II in Nashville, Tennessee. Kevin's internship is through the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California, where he is a second year law student ranked in the top five percent of his class.

Heath and Home Christian Academy has completed its third nine-week grading period and has released the following honor roll: "A" honor roll - Ben Smith and Julie Van Meter (A+); "B" honor roll - Matt Gross, Tom Bohling and Kathy Urbin, all seniors; Bill Hart, Jonathon Lenderman, David Masterson, Carrie Van Meter and DeDee Masterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Troutman took their grandson, Adam Troutman, to the Rochester Pizza Hut for his birthday dinner recently.

Trooper David A. Patty of the Peru District has been promoted to the position of Hazardous Materials Office with the department's Motor Carrier Inspection Section. Although Patty's new assignment will be based out of Indianapolis, he and his wife, Kathy, will continue to reside at Rt. 4, Logansport. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickle, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

TEN YEARS AGO
March 23, 2000

Local resident Eric Fort was killed Wednesday morning, March 15, in a traffic accident in Miami County. Fort was the driver of a 1993 Geo Tracker that was struck in the rear by a semi-tractor and pushed into the rear of another semi in the northbound lane of U.S. 31 at 100 N. All three vehicles burst into flames. The occupants of the semi rigs escaped serious injury.

Jennifer Mollencupp and Amanda Van Scoy-Cornett, both of Kewanna, have been named to the Dean's List at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, for the 1999 fall semester.

David Malinski has been sentenced to 155 years in prison for the murder of Caston High School graduate Lorriane Kirkley, daughter of Bill and Pat Jones, Kewanna. Malinski was convicted Feb. 7 of the murder.

Karen Good recently accepted

a check for \$218 from Wal-Mart on behalf of the Kewanna United Methodist Women. The money was a matching grant for quilt raffle tickets sold by the woman at the Rochester store in conjunction with the group's annual bazaar.

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AREA FIVE MENU
Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, March 29 - Pork loin, peas, Key West blend vegetables, fruit cocktail, oatmeal bread, and milk
Wednesday, March 31 - Cheeseburger sandwich, corn, green beans, apricots and milk
Friday, April 2 - Good Friday, meal sites closed

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CASTON MENU
March 29 - April 2
Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Barbecue ribs sandwich, potato smiles, broccoli, peaches and milk.
Comet Café - Nachos with meat and cheese
Tuesday - Chicken patty sandwich, whipped potatoes and gravy, peaches, double chocolate cookie and milk.
Comet Café - 5-inch pizza
Wednesday - Corn dog, tator tots, peas, Jello and milk. Comet Café - fried chicken meal
Thursday - Ribeye steak, baked potato with sour cream; salad, cheesecake (April Fool!!!!) (Cheeseburger, potato wedges, Mandarin oranges, Easter cookie and milk). Comet Café - cooks' choice



Another sign of spring - This stack of mulch at the local Kewanna Pro Hardware is just another sign that spring has arrived and warmer temps are just around the corner, hopefully. We are also witnessing the return of robins,

red-wing blackbirds, sandhill cranes and the like. Blooming daffodils and crocuses are also brightening up the landscape, along with the greening of the grass, all welcome signs of spring.

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Friday - Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, green beans and milk. Comet Café - chicken marinara sub and fries

butter, and milk
Friday - Good Friday, no school

EASTERN PULASKI MENU
March 29 - April 2
Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk
Wednesday - Omelet, juice and milk
Thursday - Peanut butter and jelly, juice and milk
Friday - Good Friday, no school

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Burrito, baby carrots with dip, applesauce, Rice Krispie Treat and milk
Tuesday - Pizza burger, corn, pineapple, donut and milk
Wednesday - Chicken strips, potato wedges, banana, chips and milk
Thursday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peaches & bananas, bread and

Middle/High School Menu
Monday - Three-meat pizza, corn, pears, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Mini corn dogs, peas, pineapple, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar
Wednesday - Hot and spicy chicken sandwich, California blend vegetables, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Chef salad with ham or turkey w/dressing; cheese breadstick, peaches and milk. Choice - salad bar
Friday - Good Friday, no school

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler

Oh, the thinks I can think... at 3 a.m.

If you happen to call my house at 3 a.m., chances are I'll be awake. The wee hours of the morning seem to be prime brain time for me lately. It's amazing the things that can keep me awake - wide awake - at three in the morning, which we all know is really the middle of the night and a time when most normal people would be, should be (wish they were) sleeping.

I think about lunchmeat and the water bill: whether we have enough and whether we use too much. I wonder if everyone has clean socks for the morning; you can never have too many of those. I remember that I forgot to sign the permission slip for the second grade field trip and that unless I send a check for lunch money, my sixth grader will have to eat the school freebie - PB and J, leaving me feeling like an irresponsible mom and him feeling just fine. (Peanut butter is his favorite; he feels no discomfort being the only kid in sixth grade who has run out of lunch money.)

Peanut butter aside, it's the important stuff that wards off sleep. Things like a deadline - that's a whole month away, or wondering whether we should paint the house this spring or wait until fall. I contemplate which Dr. Seuss book is my favorite: "Horton Hears a Who," or "The Sleep Book." I worry that my kids don't worry or get embarrassed about taking a free lunch.

I listen to the quiet house noises. Sometimes my husband and dog snore in tandem, but don't tell my husband. He doesn't snore. Sometimes the dog gives little high-pitched woofs, like she is chasing the cat in her dreams. I think, "Go dog, go!" The other night, my husband was making the same sound and I wondered what he was chasing. I found myself reciting rhymes from "Hop on Pop."

I can get almost slap-happy with my thoughts in the middle of the night. I wonder what's so funny about a funny bone, if it ever would be possible for someone to steal Christmas and whether I remembered to feed my one fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish.

Sometimes I spend minutes pondering the number patterns on the clock: 3:21 and 3:33 have their own special charisma, but so do 2:46 and 3:39. It's funny how I never notice the mathematical implications of the clock during the day. At night, though, they somehow become attention-worthy, sort of like green eggs and ham or how the only kid with a free peanut butter sandwich stands out from the rest of the lunch crowd.

I solve life's mysteries at 3 a.m., or at least I ponder them. Why do people in convertibles drive

with the top down and windows up? Is global warming real, and if so, will it ever come to Minnesota? Will Arnold Schwarzenegger ever return to acting? Why did God invent teenagers? Would my cat ever wear a hat?

I try to fall back asleep. I shut my eyes and prepare to embrace relaxation. But then I remember that tomorrow's Thursday, and we all know what that means.

I become aware that the air is filled with sounds of rumbling - of thunder in the distance and my dog's stomach under the bed. I wonder if it is going to rain and what they are putting into dog food these days.

Then, somewhere around 3:45 or maybe 3:57, I doze off and sleep blissfully until morning. But, if you did happen to call my house at 3 a.m., chances are I'd be awake. Please don't call though, because I won't answer the phone. I'd like to, but I'm just too busy thinking.

Jill Pertler is a syndicated columnist and award winning freelance writer working with graphic designer Nikki Willgohs to provide writing and design and other marketing services to businesses and individuals. You can check out their Web site at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/> or e-mail Jill at pertmn@qwest.net.

Willard to tell about Nine Treaties in 1836 at NCGLNAC

Shirley Willard will be one of the speakers at the next Academic Conference planned by National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. (NCGLNAC). It will be held at the John Jay Center for Learning, 101 South Meridian Street in Portland April 17, 2010. The conference begins with registration at 8:15 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m. This year's subject is "Eastern Woodlands Treaties."

Although the earliest contacts between the Native American

peoples and the European settlers in what is now the United States were friendly, various factors created conflicts between the settlers and the tribes. These conflicts expanded as the frontier moved westward, with the settlers taking more and more land that had previously supported the tribal peoples, forcing the natives away from their lands. The conflicts expanded into full warfare, which was usually terminated through treaties. The treaties required land cessations by the tribes, furthering the expansion of the frontier and then causing new conflicts to form, which led to additional treaties requiring more land cessations. The treaties, therefore, tend to document the westward expansion of the settlers and the loss of land and culture by the American Indian tribes. A study of the treaties gives a view into the interrelationship between the tribal peoples, the settlers and the federal government.

Presenters are
9 a.m. - Shirley Willard - Fulton County Historical Society president emerita, Fulton County Historian, Potawatomi Trail of Death Association: Nine Treaties in 1836 That Led to the 1838 Potawatomi Trail of Death.

10 a.m. - John Dunnagan - Vice Chief, Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana: Miami Treaties in Indiana.
11 a.m. - Tony Reganacourt - Archaeologist, Director, Upper Miami Archaeological Research Museum: Chief Little Turtle, Gen. Anthony Wayne and the War for the Old Northwest Territory leading to the Treaty of Greenville.

1 p.m. - Dr. Ben Secunda - Lecturer, University of Michigan and Independently- Contracted Historian for the Pokagon Band

of Potawatomi: Writings, When Justly Executed, Never Lye: Forging Policy and Embedding Resistance in the Early Treaties of the Old Northwest, 1792-1840.

2 p.m. - Sara Wagar - Elder, Piqua Shawnee Tribe: Treaties of the Shawnee.

The conference is sponsored in part by the Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau and hosted by the John Jay Center for Learning.

Registration before April 10 is \$30 or \$20 for students with photo identification. Late registrations are \$35. Lunch is included. For more information or a registration form contact Co-Chairs: Sara Wagar at sara.wagar@ncglnac.com or Bonnie Bent-Nelson at 574-225-9340 or bonnelso@iusb.edu.

National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. The Center is composed of Native and non-Native members whose mission is to preserve traditional Great Lakes Native American art, history and culture by helping pass those traditions on to Native people and by educating the general public about the importance of Great Lakes Native culture. NCGLNAC will locate its future Center on 30 acres of land generously donated by the Jay County Fair Board, Portland, Indiana. The new center will feature a 14,000 square foot building that includes classrooms, an Interpretive Center/Gallery for changing exhibits, Art Gallery, Sales Gallery and artist-in-residence apartments. The grounds will feature outdoor learning and classroom space, rain gardens and ethno botanical trails, restored wetlands, an early 1800's Great Lakes Native

American village with Native American gardens, restored prairie and Native plants, fresh water pond, and immature and mature woodlands. The first educational ethno botanical hiking trail was opened to the public in 2008.

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Woodworker group enjoys demonstration

The Tippecanoe Valley Woodworkers met Saturday, March 20, at the Pulaski County Highway Garage.

Fifteen people enjoyed a demonstration put on by Phillip Cohee of Rochester on turning and making wooden writing pens. Cohee also donated two of the pens he made for the door prize and the auction.

Projects were shown by Harold Budd, Winamac; Don Kegarise, Kewanna; and Jerry Jones, Winamac. They also explained how they completed their projects.

Door prizes were awarded thanks to the generosity of Ace Hardware in Winamac. An auction was held for items donated by club members.

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


The next meeting will be Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station. The public is invited to attend. This will be the last meeting for the season. Meetings will resume in September.



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Ivy Tech Celebrates New Campus

Ivy Tech Community College officially celebrated the opening of its new Logansport campus with a formal dedication ceremony on Friday morning, March 19, 2010. The new 81,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility opened for classes in January.

This \$16.6 million campus will provide the college and its students with modern technologies and space for years to come — amenities that will make higher education a reality for many more residents of Cass and surrounding counties.

Vice chancellor of the Logansport campus Kevin Bostic says the new campus would not have become a reality without support from the Logansport community.

"This is a great day for Ivy Tech, the City of Logansport, and the residents of Cass County," says Bostic. "This new building will allow us to educate more students, and in turn will create more opportunities for the people in Cass County. We are truly grateful for all of those individuals and companies who have made this new facility a reality."

Ivy Tech's Logansport campus grew in enrollment by nearly 75 percent from fall 2002 to fall 2007, during which time the discussion to bring a new campus to Logansport began taking shape. Since then, it has grown another 61 percent. This growth, coupled with an increase in academic programs and faculty, had created a lack of classroom, laboratory, and office space. Seven thousand square feet of instructional space was added to the Eastgate facility from 2001 to 2009. In addition, the college added the Logan Square space downtown in 2005. These facilities simply had become unable to meet the college's mission, vision, and strategic planning.

State and local legislative initiatives as well as a tremendous amount of community support sent a clear message — a new facility in Logansport was necessary to provide the citizens of the region with quality space to increase postsecondary degree attainment and training opportunities. The college broke ground on April 30, 2008, and a little more than a year-and-a-half later, the facility was opened for classes.

Below is a list of some construction highlights as well as the building's academic and student life features:

Construction highlights

- 81,000 square foot, two-story academic structure
- Indiana limestone construction with a striking 52' by 56' center rotunda
- Location: Highly visible 60 acre site near the intersection of 18th St. and the Hoosier Heartland Corridor (U.S. 24/35)
- Cost: \$16.6 million
- Groundbreaking: April 30, 2008
- Completion: January 2010
- Academic and student life features
- State-of-the-art science labs
- Nursing and medical assisting suite
- Welding institute lab
- PLC industrial maintenance lab
- One-stop enrollment and registration center
- Faculty, staff and student fitness center
- Expanded bookstore staff, hours and size
- Workforce certification center
- Tutoring rooms
- Open-access student computer center
- Technology-enhanced classrooms and labs
- Wireless access throughout the facility
- Multiple student commons areas
- Large community room for multipurpose usage

In addition to including comments from many state and local leaders, the ceremony was the first opportunity for the community to view the plaque that officially names the facility the Cole Family Building and commemorates the state and local leaders as well as donors who helped make the new campus a reality.

Ivy Tech Community College is the state's largest public post-secondary institution and the nation's largest singly-accredited statewide community college system with more than 150,000 students enrolled annually. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering affordable degree programs and training that are aligned with the needs of its community along with courses and programs that transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.

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Letter To The Editor

National Ag Day

March 20 was National Ad Day, the culmination of National Ag Week. During local Ag Week events farmers from all across Indiana have worked with schools and volunteers to re-introduce our children to the farm. Even in rural areas most Hoosiers are two or three generations removed from knowing where their food originates. For just about everyone in today's society, except those who grow it, food comes from the grocery store.

Since 1919, Indiana Farm Bureau has worked alongside Indiana's farmers to protect their lives, land, equipment, animals and crops. Farming has changed since that relationship was first forged, but the dedication of farmers to their vocation and the economic importance of farming to our state has not.

Agriculture brings jobs, capital investment and wealth to both rural and urban communities. It contributes \$25 billion to our state's economy, and 16 percent of our workforce is represented by Hoosiers who make their living associated with farming and agribusiness. There are 61,000 Indiana farms, and all but 2 percent of those are family owned and, more than likely, multi-generational.

Indiana farmers are committed to growing the very best food for Hoosier families every day. That dedication to family, animals and environment upholds a proud tradition of meeting the nutritional needs of the world through the meats, milk, fruits and vegetables produced from one corner of the state to the other, all the while fueling local economies.

While each farm is unique and every farmer has a different story to tell, the data paint a clear picture of how strong Indiana's agricultural heritage really is. We can cite statistics 'til the cows come home, but here's a sampling:

- Indiana ranks fifth in the nation in corn production. Last year Hoosier farmers marketed \$3.28 billion worth of corn for grain.
- Indiana farmers sold \$2.27 billion dollars worth of soybeans last year. Nationally, Indiana ranks 4th overall in soybean production.

- Indiana's pork producers contributed \$3 billion to the state's economy last year. Indiana is the 5th largest producer of pork in the nation and markets almost 8 million hogs per year.
- Indiana has more than 19,000 premises registered for cattle production with a total 960,000 head of cattle. Twenty-nine cuts of beef labeled as lean by the USDA provide the #1 source for protein, zinc and vitamin B-12 in our diet.
- Indiana has 2,000 dairy farms that produced nearly 3.9 billion pounds of milk last year. Indiana ranks 2nd in the U.S. for our low-fat ice cream production and 2nd in production of regular ice cream.
- Indiana is number one in the nation in commercial duck production. The state's poultry industry also ranks third in the U.S. for egg layers.
- Indiana has 287 certified organic farms, covering 14,143 acres. According to the most recent USDA estimates, U.S. certified organic cropland doubled between 2002 and 2007, to 1.3 million acres.

But numbers only tell part of the story of Indiana agriculture. Indiana Farm Bureau's 80,000 farmer-members continue the proud Hoosier tradition of hard work and dedication that puts safe and affordable food on the table, both here and abroad.

Don Villwock
 President, Indiana Farm Bureau
 Knox County farmer
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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. 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.

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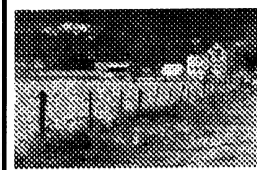
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Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Saturday, March 13. Joining them for a wonderful day of visiting were their son and grandchildren, Chris LaFollette, Michele, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas of LaPorte, and Michele's fiancé, Jordan.

Helen Whiteman had a busy day Monday, March 15. In the afternoon, she visited with her son and daughter-in-law, Kenny and Bev Whiteman. In the evening, she attended a program at the Eastern Pulaski High School featuring music performed by the junior and senior high schools. Among those performing was Helen's great-grandson, Tristan Connor, a member of the high school choir.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle were in LaPorte Monday. They enjoyed visiting with Barb's daughter, Sue Janes, over lunch at Christo's restaurant.

Elijah Lopez was the guest of honor at a family gathering Tuesday, March 16. The occasion was in celebration of his second birthday and hosted by his great-grandparents, Barb

and Tom LaFollette. Helping them mark the event with two cakes (a Lopez family tradition), ice cream and all the birthday trimmings were Elijah's parents, Shelby and Duva; his grandparents, Terry and Karina Bohac; and his uncle, Nick Green.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of visitors Tuesday. Stopping by were her daughter, Karen Rice of Indianapolis, and Barry Worl. Karen and Barry were here to attend the funeral services for Ruth Urbin.

Don and Pauline Scales had a couple of callers in the middle of the week. Coming for a family visit and bringing along a loaf of friendship bread were their daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Gene Koontz of Rochester.

JoAnn Tsoodle and Barb Hieber traveled to Dyer Wednesday, March 17. They enjoyed attending the annual meeting of railroad business women.

Jon Gast was in Winamac Friday, March 19. He had a nice time visiting with his parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Haley Markley was the guest of honor at a birthday party Friday evening in the community room of the local fire station. Helping her celebrate her 18th birthday were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Markley and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harrold along with other relatives, friends and classmates. The group enjoyed sandwiches, ice cream, cake and soft drinks in honor of the occasion.

Ann Zartman and Shirley had a houseguest over the weekend. Staying with them for a few days was Ann's great-grandson, Jacob Green.

Suzanne Crump of Muncie arrived Friday evening for a three-day visit with her grandmother, Helen Miller. The ladies enjoyed a nice visit while

tackling some spring chores.

Ann and Shirley Zartman and Jacob Green had company Saturday, March 20. Stopping by for a visit was Ann's granddaughter, Dawn Nikolich. Also coming over for a chat were Dawn's parents, Rich and Jane Green.

Mildred McColley had a fun time Sunday, March 21. She attended a party in honor of her great-granddaughter, Allison McColley, at CeCe's Pizza in Lafayette. The event was in celebration of Allison's second birthday and hosted by her parents, Rush and Mendi McColley. Afterward, the attendees moved to Monkey Joe's (an indoor play facility) and watched Allison and her cousin, Carter, play for several hours. (The grandparents and great-grandparents stayed to the side and away from the running zone.)

Pauline and Don Scales had a visitor Sunday. Stopping by late in the day for a family chat was their daughter, Linda Garner.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were among those who attended a benefit at the Rochester VFW post for the Indiana Patriot Guard Sunday. Over \$1200 was raised during the event that featured chili, hot dogs and karaoke. The Guard distributes all proceeds from its events to military families.

Barb Hieber and JoAnn Tsoodle had working visitors Monday, March 22. Sue Janes and her sons, Tom and Joey Wilk, came down to help with some spring yard work.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Kandi Evers, Dawn Boehme, Dale Green and Ethan Shroder, March 28; Cody Baldwin, Jerry Kreamer and Janice Sterrett, March 29; Dave Bowyer, March 30; Leia Bailey, Ashley Rigney and Doug Whiteman, March 31; Paul Bauman III, Carita Brown, Dale Herrold and Stacey Kozar, April 1; and Taylor Carpenter, Al Haimbaugh, Sharlene Haimbaugh and Mark Wilson, April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ulerick will

be celebrating their wedding anniversary March 28 and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gupton will be celebrating theirs April 3.

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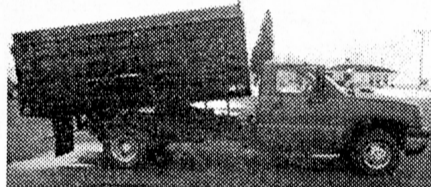
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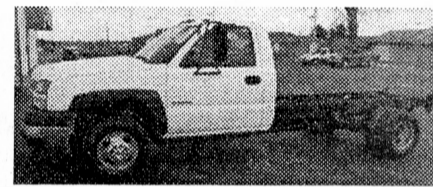
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