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The News in Brief

Kewanna town clerk treasurer, Jenny Kay, reports that water and sewage bills are due the 17th, as usual. The due date on the recently mailed bills was inadvertently printed as the 15th.

Manitou Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Monday, May 10, at noon at the Streamliner Restaurant, 201 E. 9th St., Rochester, Ind. Mignon will tell the history of the Veterans of Foreign War. DAR state officers, Nancy George and Miriam Carnahan, will be there to help prospective new members with their applications. All interested persons are welcome.

Fulton County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$49,392 to fund a planning study regarding a proposed community learning center. These funds will be used to fund the Community Development Block Grant program. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs administer the grants.

Governor, and motorcyclist, Gene Woodson DeWitt of California are here visiting for a few weeks. They are houseguests of Betty Hickie and welcome visits from friends and acquaintances. Please call in advance to be sure they are not out running around somewhere!

A bingo bash will be held Saturday, May 8, at the VFW in Winamac. The cost is \$25 pre-sale and \$35 at the door, which opens at noon. There will be door prizes and mystery gifts throughout the afternoon. Proceeds will benefit multiple sclerosis.

Former Kewanna residents, Gene and Wilodan DeWitt of California are here visiting for a few weeks. They are houseguests of Betty Hickie and welcome visits from friends and acquaintances. Please call in advance to be sure they are not out running around somewhere!

The Community State Bank is celebrating 80 years in business next week. Be sure to stop in at any of the three locations Kewanna, Royal Center and Twelve Mile) and enjoy a piece of cake or cookies and punch, May 10-15.

V.I.P. (Visually Impaired People) will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 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.

May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month and new foster parents are always needed. Call the Department of Children's Services at 574-223-3413 to learn more.

Lee Named New FEDCO Director

Increasing entrepreneurial business and retention expansion of existing businesses within Fulton County will be among the top priorities of Terry Lee, who was named today as the Director of the Fulton Economic Development Corporation.

Lee, Director of the Fulton County Wellness Center in Rochester, said he inherited a job with a lot happening. "It's exciting to continue the fine work of my predecessor and to work with such an engaged board."

The allure of helping the community in which he lives to grow and prosper is exciting to him. "I have received an unbelievable amount of support from those who have encouraged me to take this position. The health and growth of Fulton County business is our business and I look forward to digging in and making progress right from the start."

"In choosing Terry, the FEDCO board showed a clear preference for someone from the local community, who will stay and grow with us and who is excited about seeing his community grow," said Jason Grube, FEDCO board member.

Since moving to Rochester from Orlando, Florida, he has actively served on various external boards and councils including Rochester Downtown Action Committee, Nickel Plate Trail Board, Fulton County Redevelopment Commission, Junior Achievement Volunteer, Rochester and Lake Manitow Chamber of Commerce board member and President, Rotary Club member and President, New Tech High School Exploratory Team, Ivy Tech Workforce Education and Development Advisory Board and FEDCO Board Member and President.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a BA in Political Science with a concentration in Economics. He is married to the former Lisa Hoff of Rochester and has one daughter, Victoria.

He will have an office at 822 Main Street in Rochester and can be reached by calling 574-223-3326 or by email at lee@fultondevelopment.org.

A new museum dedicated to teaching 20th century military history and honoring veterans has opened at the Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis. The museum will display artifacts and uniforms from all branches of the military from 1910 through Desert Storm in Iraq. Admission to the museum is free, but admission to the park is \$5 for Indiana residents and \$7 for out-of-state residents.

The Caston cheerleaders are selling bulk mulch through the month of June. The price is \$30 a yard. Pickups can be made on evenings or weekends at the first house south of Caston School on State Road 25. For more information, call 574-857-5505.

Hubbee Fire Dept. hopes to win fire truck

The Aubbeenaubee Township Fire Department is one of seven finalists in a contest to win a new fire truck.

For the second consecutive year, E-ONE has asked fire departments across the country to "tell us their stories" for an opportunity to win a new Tradition ES fire truck.

Local residents can log on to www.E-ONE.com to read the seven finalists' entries and vote for the Aubbee department. Voting will end at 1 p.m. on August 27 and the winner will be announced at 3 p.m. during the 2010 International Association of Fire Chiefs meeting at McCormick Place in Chicago. You are allowed to vote only one time.

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Caston sports physicals

Caston students in grades 3-12 who are planning to participate in sports during the 2010-2011 school years need to have a physical before the first practice.

Physicals will be offered at Caston for the price of \$10 Wednesday, May 12, from 12 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 15, from 8 to 11 a.m. Each student needs to bring a completed form, signed by the parents, to receive their physical. The forms are available in the elementary and high school offices.

Students getting their physicals should meet at Miss Stevens' office. Checks should be made payable to Caston.

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KHS alumni banquet, May 15

The 58th annual Kewanna High School alumni banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station in Kewanna. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations should be sent to Robert Clyde, Box 92, Kewanna, IN 46939. Please include your graduation year with your reservation.

The class of 1960, which graduated 50 years ago, will be honored.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 May Activities

May 9 - Closed, Mother's Day
May 11 - Election of officers, 7 p.m. (men)

May 17 - Ladies meeting, 7 p.m.

May 22 - Poppies distributed at Main and Logan (stop light), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 25 - Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

May 30 - Open Sunday at noon

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Methodist Church selling chicken tickets

The Kewanna United Methodist Church is selling tickets for chicken halves prepared by Rochester Meat and Deli. The cost of the tickets is \$6 and they are available from Daniel Kreamer, Norm Steigley and The Observer. The chickens can be picked up at the church Saturday, June 26, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the chicken sales will help finance the proposed new contemporary church service.

The Crossroads and Turning Point youth groups will also hold a car wash at the church the same day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be a free will donation. Proceeds from the car wash will help pay church camp fees for the youth.

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Hospice walk

Hope Hospice will host its 3rd annual Walk-the-Walk Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. The walk will begin at the pavilion by the 9th hole at Round Barn Golf Course in Rochester and will take place on the Rochester Pathway. The walk will last about 45 minutes. Call 574-224-4673 to register.

Pledge sheets are available at Hope Hospice, Fulton County Wellness Center, First Federal Bank, Life Care Center and Hickory Creek, all in Rochester.

Prizes will be awarded to the oldest walker, the youngest walker, the longest traveled walker, the person raising the most money and a drawing which is open to all walkers.

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Help save a life, donate blood

As school subsides and summer plans begin, students and family members are encouraged to add one more activity to their vacation wish lists: donating blood.

Upcoming Red Cross blood collection days in this area include Saturday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mike Anderson Dodge showroom, 1702 Main St., Rochester; Monday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Caston High School Library; Friday, May 14, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Talma Community Building; and Tuesday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Rochester.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org for more information. Individuals who donate blood must meet weight and height requirements and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please take your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you go to donate.

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Election Briefs

Russell Phillips and Jason Herd were elected to the Caston School Board in Tuesday's primary election. Phillips, the incumbent, defeated challengers Matt Hubenthal and Andrea Offenberger. Herd defeated his opponent Jeff Smith by 151 votes to win the Wayne/Union Township seat.

Former Senator Dan Coats, who has been out of office for 12 years, is the Republican Party's choice for Indiana's open U.S. Senate seat. Coats is seeking the seat vacated by Democrat Evan Bayh.

Local resident Tim Wilson fell just two votes short in his bid for the Republican nomination for Fulton County commissioner. Incumbent Mark Rodriguez tallied 883 votes while Wilson garnered 881.

State Representative Jackie Walorski (R) easily defeated three challengers for the right to take on incumbent U.S. Rep. Joe Donnelly (D) this fall for the Indiana 28th congressional district seat.

Incumbent Doug Gutwein easily defeated his challenger, Richard Kallenbach, in his bid to keep the District 16 seat in the State House. Gutwein's Democrat opponent will be Bill Reutebuch of Winamac.

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Experience Works Offers Help for Fulton County Senior Citizens:

Get Paid While You Train and Get Help Searching for a New Job

Are you a senior citizen who wants and needs to work, but don't have the skills needed to get into today's job market? Experience Works is nonprofit charitable organization that offers training and employment opportunities for low-income seniors age 55 and above.

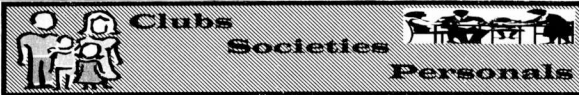
Want to learn if you qualify for this program? Join us on Tuesday, May 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Rochester Goodwill.

Participants with Experience Works receive paid training in marketable job skills while assisting at non-profit and community organizations. They also get assistance creating resumes, coaching on interview skills, and learn to fill out online applications and conduct job searches... whatever it takes to help them get jobs. Participants must meet income and county of residence guidelines.

In a new study of more than 2,000 low-income unemployed workers age 55 and older, 46 percent need to find jobs so they don't lose their homes or apartments, and approximately half (49%) have been looking for work for more than a year. In July 2009, there were two million unemployed workers age 55 plus; the unemployment rate for this age group was the highest since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began tabulating data by age in 1948.

RECYCLING DATES
THURS., MAY 6TH
THURS., MAY 20TH

Send In Your News



Methodist Women meet with Evelyn Peters

The Kewanna United Methodist Women gathered Monday evening in the home of Evelyn Peters for their May meeting. The president, Barb Steigely, opened the meeting by leading the group in repeating The Purpose.

Both Weller gave the secretary/treasurer's report, which was approved.

Reports were heard on the delivery of rose bud vases and cookie/fruit plates to shut-ins and nursing home residents as well as to some of the group's "senior" members; the luncheon served recently to members of the church cluster; and a breakfast served to the teachers at Caston Jr./Sr. High School in appreciation of their efforts.

A church-wide carry-in will be held Sunday, May 23, in honor of this year's high school graduates. A musical concert will be presented at 1 p.m. by "Heavenly Kisses".

Plans were made to get medicine bottles ready for shipping to Haiti at the group's next meeting which will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, in the church annex. Also, plans were made to clean and re-arrange the cabinets in the church kitchen Thursday, June 24, beginning at 9 a.m.

Both Weller gave devotions and refreshments were enjoyed. Helen Miller won the door prize.



ILLIANA RENEE BOWYER

Tim and Lucy Bowyer, Noblesville, are the parents of a daughter born Sunday, May 2, 2010. The baby weighed 5 pounds and 9 ounces, was 18 1/2 inches long, and has been named Illiana Renee Bowyer.

The paternal grandparents are Nancy Bowyer and Tim Bowyer of here. The baby's paternal great-grandparents are Ruth Talbott and the late Simon Talbott of Kewanna.

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station
Monday, May 10 - Pork loin, peas, vegetable blend, fruit cocktail, wheat bread and milk

Wednesday, May 12 - Cheeseburger sandwich, corn, green beans, apricots and milk
Friday, May 14 - BBQ ribette sandwich, macaroni and cheese, cauliflower, peaches and milk

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CASTON MENU

May 10 - 14
Breakfast

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

Lunch

Monday - Soft tacos with meat and cheese, lettuce & tomato.

sherbet, snickerdoodle cookie and milk. Comet Café - cheese stuffed breadsticks

Tuesday - Pizza, green beans, peaches, corn chips and milk. Comet Café - chicken fillet sandwich and fries

Wednesday - sausage/cheese/egg sandwich, seasoned mini cubes, cinnamon roll, juice and milk. Comet Café - three-meat sub and chips

Thursday - Chicken tenders, whipped potatoes and gravy. Comet Café - Oreos and milk. Comet Café - hot ham and cheese sandwich and onion rings

Friday - Plain or cheese hot dog, fries, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk. Comet Café - stuffed crust pizza

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU

May 10 - 14
Elementary Menu

Monday - Muffin, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Omelet, fruit and milk

Wednesday - Biscuit and gravy, juice and milk

Thursday - Breakfast bagel, juice and milk

Friday - Toaster pastry, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Ravioli, peas, pears, cheese bread and milk

Tuesday - Taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp and milk

Wednesday - Hot dog, potato wedges, mixed fruit, cake and milk

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Support group meetings

Hope Hospice and Woodlawn Hospital are sponsoring a bereavement support group for people dealing with the loss of a loved one.

The group meets the first and third Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Fulton County Public Library, Rochester. Upcoming sessions include:

May 4 - Appreciate your transformation
May 18 - Help a friend through grief

For more information or to register, call Chaplain Anne Beattie at Hope Hospice, 574-224-4873 or Chaplain Jason See at Woodlawn Hospital, 574-224-1267.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 April 26
 Admissions - Glen Patton, Argos; Jack Overmyer and Cathy Lowe, Rochester.
 Dismissals - Bonnie Overlander, Akron; Judith Duncan, Rochester; Glen Patton, Argos
 April 27
 Admissions - Brenda Slater, Fulton; Vanessa Hill, Plymouth; Sue Robertson, Macy
 Births - Bridget Cunningham, Plymouth, a son
 April 28
 Admissions - Jack Overmyer, Rochester
 April 29
 Admissions - Kenneth Menzie, Plymouth; Samantha Stulls, Argos; Timothy Penicaro, Rochester
 Births - Ryan and Jodee Perry, Rochester, a daughter; Jake and Lisa Bringham, Plymouth, a son
 April 30
 Admissions - Ruth Hoff, Akron
 Dismissals - Brenda Slater, Fulton; Vanessa Hill and Bridget Cunningham and son, Plymouth; Margaret Pluta, Rochester; Sue Robertson, Macy
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DEATHS

CEDRIC LEROY BERDINE
 A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Cedric Leroy Berdine, 77, Rochester. Rev. Maurice Grindle officiated and burial was in the Fulton Cemetery. Mr. Berdine passed away Saturday, May 1, 2010 at his residence.
 Born September 9, 1932, in Hebron, he was the son of the late Charles and Ida Frashour Berdine. He was married August 9, 1964 at Rushville to Barbara J. Neuman, who survives.
 He was a 1950 graduate of

Hebron High School. He studied piano at the Sherwood School of Music in Chicago; received his Bachelor of Arts in music from Valparaiso University and his master's in music education from Butler University.
 He began his teaching career in 1955 at Fulton Schools, now the Gaston Educational Center, where he taught music to students in K-12 for 40 years.
 He was a member of the Gaston Classroom Teachers, serving as president and head of the negotiations team for a number of years. He held life memberships in the Indiana State Teachers Association, NEA, Indiana State Teachers Association Retired, Indiana Retired Teachers and Fulton County Retired Teachers. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 70 originating in Fulton, now combined with Rochester, the South Bend Scottish Rite and its choir; the Fulton F & AM Lodge No. 665 currently serving as secretary; and Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.
 Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Aline Elizabeth Berdine, DeMotte; two sons, John Charles Berdine and wife Beverly, Leasburg, North Carolina, and Scott Allen Berdine, Leasburg, North Carolina; three grandchildren, Tyffanie Lin Berdine, LeeAnne Ruth Berdine and Diana Katelyn Berdine; and a brother-in-law, Fred Newman and wife Barb, Rutherfordton, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Shirley Pogue.
 A visitation was held Tuesday afternoon and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Fulton F & AM Lodge for a teaching scholarship to be established in his name or to the Grace United Methodist Church music department. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.
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DOROTHY J. HITE
 Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, May 3, in the Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, for Dorothy J. Hite, 77, Leiters Ford. Burial was in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola. The former Mishawaka resident passed away in an auto accident at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2010.
 Dorothy was born June 8, 1932 in Shelbyville, to the late Frank and Helen (Thomas) Hite.
 She is survived by one brother, Victor Hite of South Whitley; and three sisters, Georgia Nickels, Marshtown, Francis Calhoun, Leiters Ford, and JoAnne Walters and her husband Dick of Osceola. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Betty Frink, who passed away September 1, 2003.
 Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.chapelhillmemorial.com.
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Memorial service planned for Beatrice Clark

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Kewanee United Methodist Church for Beatrice (Bea Ann) Clark who passed away Thursday, January 28, at her home in Logansport.
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Calendar

ACS Look Good Feel Better Class
 Pulaski Memorial Hospital will host the spring American Cancer Society Look Good Feel Better class Monday, May 3, from 10 am to noon in the hospital Conference Center.
 Registration is essential. Please call 574-946-2180 as soon as possible.
Look Good Feel Better is developed especially for women undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. A volunteer cosmetologist provides hands on instruction demonstrating how women can use makeup, wigs and other accessories to look like themselves again - to restore their self image, confidence and sense of control.

Pulaski Memorial Auxiliary Bake Sale

The Hospital Auxiliary will have a bake sale at Sanders Foods Friday, May 7, from 8 am until sold out.

Prenatal Thursday Night Classes

The next prenatal evening classes run May 13 to June 3 from 7 to 9 pm for five weeks on Thursday night. The purpose of Prenatal Classes is to provide you with information on how to deal with the discomforts of pregnancy, understanding 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 classes.

Cancerive

"The Genetics of Cancer: It's a Family Affair" will be the topic of discussion May 26 from 4 to 6:30 pm at the Pulaski Memorial

Hospital Conference Center.

Guest speakers will be from the Advocate Christ Medical Center, Cancer Genetics Program, Oak Lawn, IL.
Safe Sitter Classes
 Safe Sitter is a medically accurate, hands-on class that teaches office and girls ages 11 to 13 how to handle emergencies when caring for children. This year's class will be June 9 and June 10.
 Class size is limited to 16, so register soon at 574-946-2193 or 1-800-659-7644 ext 2193. There is a \$30 fee to cover the cost of materials for this two day event. Scholarships are available based on financial need.
 Social Security
 It has been confirmed that a representative from the Social Security office will be at Pulaski Memorial Hospital Tuesday, May 11 at 9 am.
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 Kewanee-Union Township Public Library Hours
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 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Closed Sunday
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Looking Back.....

SIXTY YEARS AGO

May 5, 1950

Rev. James A. Landis, 78, retired Methodist minister, died at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Evers of here. He had been in ill health for several years. Services and burial were in Malta.

Mrs. Albert Worl was rushed to Woodlawn Hospital Monday after the car in which she was a passenger collided with another vehicle eight miles southwest of Rochester. She suffered cuts on her right hand and bruises. Violet Overmyer, her daughter, was driving the car but escaped injury as did the driver of the other vehicle, Harvey Guyer, Rt. 3, Rochester.

The Fulton town board has announced the resignation of William (Billy) McDougle as town marshal and the appointment of Oscar Grimes to that position.

John P. Reiser, who sets type for The Observer, was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital in Logansport last Thursday. Some of this week's type for the paper was set by the News Sentinel, Rochester. Mr. Reiser is improved and expects to be released soon.

Chief GMC Robert T. Brunk, 30, U.S.N. and a former Kewanna resident, died April 30 of injuries suffered in an auto accident in California. Details of the accident are not known, but the body will be returned here and military rites will be conducted. He attended school here and had been in the Navy 14 years. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked Dec. 7, 1941, by the Japanese.

Mrs. Al Yerkes, Sr. suffered a

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badly sprained right ankle, bumps and bruises, in an accident which took place Sunday evening at the junction of Bruce Lake road and State Road 14. She was taken to Woodlawn Hospital and released later in the evening. Mr. Yerkes also suffered bruises. The Yerkes were traveling east on the highway when a vehicle coming from the lake pulled out in front of them.

FIFTY FIVE YEARS AGO

May 5, 1955

The Fulton Assembly No. 92, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will host a reception June 5 in the Fulton Baptist Church honoring Dara Masteller, Kewanna, who is Grand Christian Flag Bearer of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Indiana. Dara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masteller.

Nelda Hogan Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ella Hogan, Kewanna, was named the Most Deserving Mother for 1955 by the Downtown Hammond Council, Inc. A full page of last week's Hammond Times honored Mrs. Reed. As the Most Deserving Mother, she received a silver trophy and \$1,000 in merchandise. She was nominated by the Women's Society of Christian Service at the First Methodist Church in Hammond.

A/1c and Mrs. Donald Schnapf returned here Sunday from Tampa, Florida. Airman Schnapf returned from French Morocco April 17 where he had served in the Armed Services. He leaves May 16 for Seattle, Washington,

to report for further duty in Alaska.

The Kewanna Cub Scouts toured the Pike Saw Mill in Akron Saturday, April 23. After the tour, the company treated the group to a Wiener roast, cocoa and homemade donuts. Three den mothers, Mrs. Melvin Fisher, Mrs. John Hillicker and Mrs. Marion Brooks, and one den chief, Raymond Zellers, accompanied the boys. Lincoln Burton was the bus driver. Others in the party were Mrs. Virg Eber and daughter and Mrs. Burl Anderson.

Mrs. Carl Kreamer and Mrs. Richard Showley became members of the Bruce Lake Community Circle when the group met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Kestie.

Jennifer Garner celebrated her fifth birthday Tuesday afternoon with a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Les Howe. Guests included Tommy Garner, Karla Garner, Vicky Garner, Mrs. Roy Deckard, Mrs. Clyde Garner and Mrs. Burdette Garner.

Larry Geisler celebrated his birthday April 29 in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Geisler, with a party for a few friends. Those present included Richard Grafias, Richard Carlson, Bruce Baker and Billy Stoudt.

A marriage license has been issued to Eugene DeWitt, machinist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison DeWitt of Kewanna, and Miss Wilodean Van Duyn, nurse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Duyn, Rt. 1, Kewanna. The wedding will take place Sunday afternoon, May 8, in the Methodist Church.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 5, 1960

Willard Burns, 73, died suddenly Monday morning in Muncie. He was a brother-in-law of Golda Carter of here, having married Nina Davis January 15, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim James, Idaville, are the parents of a son born April 19. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 6 1/2 ounces and has been named Denzil Lee. The mother is the former Shirley Cunningham Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cunningham of Kewanna are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Ward James of Plymouth are the paternal grandparents.

Two transients without permanent addresses received terms of two to five years at the Indiana State Prison Monday in Fulton Circuit Court after being found guilty of charges stemming from their robbery of the Emerson Felder Store in Fulton April 4.

Allen Rosenburg, Kewanna, was honored for his scholastic achievement at Indiana University's annual Founder's Day convocation Wednesday, May 4.

Gene E. Dittme, 63, funeral director, died of a heart attack Tuesday, May 3, at the Fulton Cemetery, where he had gone on business. His body was discovered about noon by Warren Tatter, Rochester, a monument dealer.

Faith Assembly No. 114 Order of Rainbow for Girls held its regular meeting May 2 with Karen Baker, worthy advisor, presiding. Election of officers was held. Chosen to serve were Linda Showley, worthy advisor; Cheryl Worl, worthy associate; Karen Whiteman, Charity; Kathy Friedrich, Hope; and Janet Smith, Faith.

FORTY YEARS AGO

May 7, 1970

Sp/4 Carl L. Evans, son of L. B. Evans and the late Joanna M. Evans, Kewanna, who spent a tour of duty in Vietnam and then about seven months in Germany, has been home on leave before returning to Vietnam. He is a photo lab technician.

Sp/4 Reynolds A. Evans, son of L. B. Evans and the late Joanna M. Evans, Kewanna, with the transportation department of the U.S. Army spent a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was recently home on leave and is now in Germany with the 502nd Transportation Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foust, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Woodlawn Hospital.

Sheriff Homer Carr will gain be the Republican Party's candidate for Fulton County sheriff in the fall election after defeating his opponent, Donald O'Dell, by 1,246 votes in the May primary election.

A family of six, traversing the U.S. from Ohio to Oregon in a covered wagon, camped last Thursday night northwest of Kewanna on State Road 14. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Oliver and their four children ages 7, 6, 4 and 1 1/2 left their home at Newark, Ohio, three weeks ago and hope to arrive in Oregon sometime in November.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

May 1, 1980

The Kewanna Progressive Association recently presented three wheel chairs to Woodlawn Hospital. The presentation was made by Harry Richter, president of the association, and Jack Urbin, vice president, to Robert Kelsey, Jr., executive director of Woodlawn Hospital. Funds for the wheelchairs came

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 from The K. K. Kraining Fund set up to honor Dr. K. K. Kraining in recognition of his 45 years as a physician in Kewanna. An otoscope and intermittent suction gauge were also presented to the hospital.

Sharlene Haimbaugh, Kewanna, remains a patient in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend.

State Jail Inspector Walter B. Smith has again concluded that the county owned jail in Rochester does not conform to minimum state and federal standards, that it is not worth remodeling and that it should be closed and replaced with a new facility.

Rod Hattery, a graduate of Kewanna High School and a resident of Rochester, competed in the Boston Marathon recently running the 26-mile course in three hours, four minutes and 37 seconds. Although he didn't do as well as expected, he was grateful that he was able to complete the race due to the 80-degree heat.

As of next week, Mrs. Joan Smith will be reporting local items for The Observer.

Platter bacon was selling for 79 cents a pound at Houser Supermarket in Kewanna.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 May 3, 1990

Funeral services were held at 1

p.m. Friday in Hartzler Funeral Home, Rochester for Milo J. Holt, 87, a resident of Life Care Center, Rochester. A former Kewanna resident, he was a retired farmer and a member of Shanon Wesleyan Church.

Ida Mullins, a resident of the Pulaski Health Care Center in Winamac, was pleasantly surprised last Saturday, April 28, when 45 relatives gathered to help her celebrate her 84th birthday.

Beth and Ray Weller, Art and Ruth Ann Anderson, Lois Kuttler and Mildred McColley spent the weekend in Lebanon, Ohio, visiting Beth Deckard and Kirsten and Rev. and Mrs. Steve Tufts and daughters. While there, they attended a service of installation — installing Steve as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lebanon. He has been serving the church as interim pastor since September.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huntington have returned to their home here after spending the winter months in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Les Shidaker have returned to their home after spending the winter in Florida.

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 1031 or Form 1032) or a farm return (Form 1092) 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 that 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/dtfr. Forms will be available March 1 until May 15.

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I've heard that cars can be modified to run on water. How is this possible? — Diane McMorris, Rockport, ME

There are a number of online marketing offers of kits that will convert your car to "run on water," but these should be viewed skeptically. These kits, which attach to the car's engine, use electrolysis to split the water (H₂O) into its component molecules—hydrogen and oxygen—and then inject the resulting hydrogen into the engine's combustion process to power the car along with the gasoline. Doing this, they say, makes the gasoline burn cleaner and more completely, thus making the engine more efficient.

But experts say the energy equation on this type of system is not, in reality, efficient at all. For one, the electrolysis process uses energy, such as electricity in the home or the on-board car battery, to operate. By the laws of nature, then, the system uses more energy making hydrogen than the resulting hydrogen itself can supply, according to Dr. Fabio Chiara, research scientist in alternative combustion at the Center for Automotive Research at Ohio State University. Moreover, Chiara says, the

amount of greenhouse gases produced by the vehicle "would be much larger, because two combustion processes [gasoline and hydrogen] are involved." Finally, there is a safety consideration for consumers who add these devices to their cars. "H₂ is a highly flammable and explosive gas," he says, and would require special care in installation and use.

The electrolysis process could be viable in saving energy if a renewable, non-polluting energy source such as solar or wind could be harnessed to power it, although capturing enough of that energy source on board the car would be another hurdle.

Researchers today put more focus on using hydrogen to power fuel cells, which can replace internal combustion engines to power cars and emit only water from the tailpipe. And though hydrogen is combustible and can power an internal combustion engine, to use hydrogen in that way would squander its best potential: to power a fuel cell.

Hydrogen fuel cell cars are gaining traction, but commercialization of hydrogen fuel has not yet been accomplished. "The potential benefits of fuel cells are significant," say researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). "[H]owever, many challenges must be overcome before fuel cell systems will be a competitive alternative for consumers.

The state of California operates a "Hydrogen Highway" program that supports development of hydrogen fuel cell technology and infrastructure. And many companies are working on ways to produce, store and dispense hydrogen. Cars powered by fuel cells are in prototype stages now, nearing production.

While we all wait to see how that shakes out, the best choice today for high mileage and low emissions is still the gasoline/electric hybrid car. **CONTACTS:** Center for Automotive Research, <http://car.eng.ohio-state.edu>; NREL, www.nrel.gov; California Hydrogen Highway, www.hydrogenhighway.gov. **SEND YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS TO:** EarthTalk, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; earthtalk@emagazine.com. Read past columns at www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/archives.php. EarthTalk is now a book! Details and order information at: www.emagazine.com/earthtalkbook.

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- Only magazines & catalogs made of slick, glossy paper
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Scrap Metal

- Small amounts of any type of scrap metal are accepted
- Aerosol cans - remove lids

Miscellaneous

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- Inkjet and dot-matrix cartridges
- Items containing mercury
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Motor oil
- Pellets - wood or plastic
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Newspaper

- Stack in brown paper grocery bags
- Remove glossy inserts and put with magazines

Do not pack in plastic bags

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Plastic Bottles #1-#7

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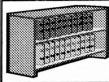
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Kewanna/Union Township Public Library News...

Library board meeting April 26

The library board met in executive session to discuss the procedures and processes for interviewing applicants.

It was decided to interview all applicants with an MIS (Masters in Library Science) that have qualifications that meet the current and future needs of a small rural community. Others will be interviewed if needed as the position is open until filled.

The board then met in regular session. The board approved the minutes and claims presented. Charles Rude gave the circulation and attendance report.

The interim director gave his report. Three grant applications are in process. We will know the outcome of the Community Focus grant on May 14. The summer activity programs are in process of being finalized. Looks like it will be an exciting time for the library.

The board approved a draft letter to be sent to the agencies that will have an impact on keeping the GED program at the library. It has been one of the more successful programs in the area. The board members will sign the letters before being mailed.

The board approved the addition of caller ID to the telephone system. This is an effort to track scam artists, which has become a major problem for libraries.

The board was admiring of the changes that have been made in the children's area. The staff will begin working on the adult section soon, weeding the books and re-arranging the shelving to provide more room for tables and chairs. The library is very bright and inviting.

Letter To The Editor

April 27, 2010

Dear Editor,

Fulton County Special Olympics held a Basket Bingo a few weeks ago and a big thank you needs to go out to many people, without them it could not have been done. We try to do as much of our own expense money as possible.

Each time to go to competition, we have to pay for each athlete. This spring it will be bowling and athletics competition in Logansport, Wabash and the Summer Games in Terre Haute. In the winter, we bowl at Logansport and Indianapolis. We also have a basketball team. Lots of our athletes are on a fixed income, so have to depend on the public for some support. By supporting our efforts, such as the bingo, you are helping us. For this we say thank you. Special thanks go to Webb's Family Pharmacy-Akron, Larry Brockey Insurance, Claudia Hartzler, Janet Severns, Robbie Shaffers, Chris Stokes, Sue Stokes, McKee Vet Clinic, Nubiano's, Day's Hardware, Sun on the Run, Los Compadres, Jay Dubois (Happy Fish Shop), Collins Country Charm, T&T Rental, Flagpole, Quality Auto Repair, The Flirt, Coca Cola of Plymouth, Round Barn Golf Club, Clay's Floor Covering, John Overmyer Barber Shop, DeBruler Studio, Trendy Fox, Arnold's Jewelry, Dittos, Evergreen Cafe, The Dugout, Lake City Bank, The Toc Trophy Shop, O&R Builders, Hair Concepts, Hoffman's Body Shop, Sandy Raisor, Rochester Sentinel, Kewanna Observer,

Woodcrafts by Ken Hartzler, Dairy Queen, All About Pets, Mama's Pizza, Mitchell's Bakery, Rochester Meat and Deli, Viking Food, Hartzler Funeral Home, Harris Eye Center, Kim Gearhart, Pike Lumber, Wells Fargo, Lucky U, Cris Grant, Green Oak Antiques, Insurance #1, Akron Country Kitchen, Jeff's Auto, Rochester Greenhouse, Capton Chevrolet, Sonoco, T & K Liquors, Akron Videos, Kouch Potato, MTC helpers, our fund raising committee, our Special Olympics board, all the businesses that allowed a sign to be placed there, to all the ticket buyers and to all the Special Olympic athletes.

Ann Bauman,
Special Olympics
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May 15, 2010 is Armed Forces Day Thank The Troops!

May 15, 2010 is Armed Forces Day. Right now volunteer men and woman are everywhere protecting we civilians here at home. And in honor of the troops who do so much to protect us, hundreds of troop support groups across America ship thousands of care boxes each year to them all over the world.

Over 90% of Americans have never served in the military. I am one of them, representative of the rest. And on behalf of all of those they protect, I thank the troops for preserving our liberties, livelihoods, and businesses. Even though the borders of this country are penned with their blood, and even though we don't keep our national house in order, they go forth each day to protect it and give us more time. Let's hope in the end we can all make them as proud of us as we are of them. Showings of support means a lot to them, and here is an inking of their gratitude for the bonds between us.

"I wanted to say thank you so much for sending out the care package to my airman. She received the box today and she was literally in tears and could not believe that there are people who cared enough to send her a box. She said she felt like it was Christmas or better because she has not had a Christmas since she was younger. It was great seeing her tell everyone who walked in the office about the box. Again, thank you and your team for taking the time to think of us over here and we truly do appreciate your support!" — SSG Leticia

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phone cards, games, magazines, books, music CD's, DVD's, toiletries, the food and all the other goodies that were sent to us yesterday. Major H... was overwhelmed with the packages that came in and he right away distributed the goodies to the soldiers. It is a hard road for us over here especially during the holiday season. Being away from our families is really tough but with the goodies and gifts it made everyone feel like getting into the holiday spirit. For the 2025th Transportation Company Family we would like to extend our heartfelt "Thank You" for all of your support. We will always have a place in our heart for you.

"Thank you. -- Major Earnest -- Since her inception America has been unique among nations of the world. We go further to do more good than any other nation on earth. As acts of freedom, not dominion. Which is why so many foreigners want their pictures taken with our troops when they encounter them in transit.

I periodically receive emails from people in other countries pining that they wished their people did for their military community the way Americans do for theirs. You see, America is a charitable nation, with a majority who believes in the personal responsibility of doing good at the individual level. Hence a voluntary military. And hence the voluntary support for its members from us. Indeed, hundreds of charitable groups have arisen to support the troops' morale and well-being while they are deployed. Are there amazing people in this country or what? You will find these groups listed at www.SupportOurTroops.Org.

So for Armed Force Day this year go out and find an event to participate in. Or send a care package. Or make a donation. Find the core moral satisfaction in stepping up for those who step up for all of us.

And to all the troops from all of us here at home, I say thank you, and may God bless and keep you safe.

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GIRLS SOFTBALL

The Caston Lady Comet varsity softball team competed in a tournament at Tri-County Saturday. The Comets took on Carroll in game one, winning 8-5. Chelsea Sivits was the winning pitcher with five strikeouts, giving up five hits. Emily See had two singles, three stolen bases and one RBI. Jordan Moss had two

singles and a stolen base. Morgan Herold and Haley Markley both had singles and a stolen base.

Caston faced Tri-County in the championship game, losing 5-2. The Comets struggled getting hits when they needed them. Sivits pitched this game as well. She had eight strikeouts and gave up seven hits. Emily See had a single and two stolen bases. Jordan Moss had a double. Morgan Herold and Whitney Thomas each had a single. The win/loss gives the team a 6-13 record for the season.

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

The Caston boys varsity baseball team took a double header from Tri-County Saturday at Caston behind strong starting performances on the mound by Chase Baldwin and Alex Herd. The Comets won game one 4-1 and game two 2-1. Baldwin allowed an unearned run on four hits, striking out six in the opener. Herd allowed an unearned run on four hits, striking out seven in the second contest.

Baldwin, Trevor Hoover and Tim Huff each had a hit and an RBI in the opener. Hoover had a hit, three stolen bases and a run scored in the second game. Will Holloway and Eric Goller each added a hit and an RBI and Baldwin doubled.

The wins improve the Comets season record to 8-10 and 6-2 in conference play. +++

Caston Athletic Schedule

Friday, May 7 – Co-ed JH golf at Tippecanoe Valley, 4:30 p.m.; co-ed varsity track and field Midwest Conference meet at North Newton, 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 8 – boys varsity baseball with Pioneer (DH) at Caston, 10 a.m.; co-ed JH golf with Urey MS at Caston, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 10 – boys JV baseball at Pioneer, 4:30 p.m.; boys varsity and JV golf at North White, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball at Carroll, 5 p.m.; co-ed JH track and field at Frontier, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11 – boys JV baseball with Triton at Caston, 5 p.m.; boys varsity and JV golf at Northfield, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball with Winamac at Caston, 5 p.m.; co-ed varsity track and field with Pioneer/Winamac at Caston, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12 – co-ed JH track and field Cast County meet at Logansport, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13 – co-ed JH golf with Maconaquah at Caston, 4:30 p.m.; boys JV baseball at Tri-County, 5 p.m.; girls varsity softball at Wabash, 5 p.m.

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More Grass Creek alumni photos



Class of 1955 – Maurice Horn, Ann Bassler Becker and Maury Stricker are members of the class that graduate from Grass

Creek High School in 1955. The three-some were present for the annual alumni banquet held April 24 at Caston.



Class of 1960 – This group celebrated its 50th graduation anniversary at the recent Grass Creek alumni banquet. They

are, left to right, David Huffman, Carita Rouch Brown, Phyllis St. Clair Hauser, Connie Brown Jones and Alan Hizer.



Class of 1965 – Members of the Grass Creek High School class that graduated 45 years ago present for this year's alumni

banquet include Charlene Thomas Vote, Randall Rogers and Connie Riggall Mancini.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler

This Mother's Day - gifts of the best kind

Mother's Day will be different this year. Oh, I'll be the recipient of the usual. I may get a clay pencil holder or a handprint with a poem about how little fingers don't stay little forever. Perhaps someone will come home carrying a Styrofoam cup filled with dirt and marigold seeds. All of these make welcome gifts.

Of course there will be homemade cards; they're the best kind. Any mother will tell you so.

Some things about Mother's Day this year will be most welcomingly status quo: sticky kisses and maybe (if I'm lucky) breakfast - Pop Tarts and lemonade - in bed.

The other half of Mother's Day - the giving half - will be significantly changed.

This will be my first holiday with no mom to hug and no gifts to give.

Almost every mother I know loves giving more than receiving. The trait seems to develop sometime between the first diaper change and baby's first steps. As a result, when it comes to gifts, moms are more comfortable wrapping than unwrapping.

My mom was no exception. She showered us with gifts. She was the most obvious kind. Our house at Christmas? Overwhelming doesn't even begin to describe the scene. But, there are gifts more important than the ones decked out in Santa paper sitting under a decorated tree. My mom delivered them all year long.

She was one of the most talented and creative people I've ever known and she loved sharing her creativity with others. When I was a little girl, I believed she could do anything. As an adult, I was convinced of it.

From recovering furniture, wallpapering the bathroom and sewing all our clothes, my mom created something from nothing - at first out of necessity; later because that was how she did things.

She possessed a mastery with yarn, making intricate doilies and knitting sweaters complete with our names monogrammed into the cloth.

No one is born knowing how to create a doily. Crochet is something you have to learn - stitch by painstaking stitch. Many people never understand this concept. They say things like, "No one taught me how to sew," or "I never learned to knit."

My mom's vocabulary contained none of these phrases. Her can-do attitude taught me lessons just as important as her instructions about loading yarn onto a knitting needle.

As Alzheimer's disease tightened its grip, she tackled simpler projects. In her final days, my mom's gifts came in the form of some of the most valuable lessons yet.

Toward the end, she only knit small square washcloths. The corners on the little cloths grew rounder and less square. The once-straight sides weren't so straight anymore. Sometimes, she thought she'd made a mistake and she'd unravel the whole piece and start over. Even though her handiwork was clearly growing more difficult,

my mom kept going. Quitting was not an option.

While the shape of her washcloths became more irregular, the pride my mom took in them remained intact. Whenever I visited, one of the first things she'd do is show me her latest work. The newest additions may not have been completely square, but they were neatly pressed and stacked on her bed - piles and piles of washcloths.

She'd display her collection and make a declaration, "You can pick... (she'd pause here) 'tw!"

I'd agonize over the choice. How can you pick two from a treasure of dozens? Usually, she'd let me out with at least three. Generosity - another lesson in my mom's curriculum.

I like to think she taught us well. When she passed away, we wondered what to do with all those washcloths. We thought of the funeral, and the friends and family who would see them for the treasures they were; we remembered how much my mom loved giving gifts. Nearly 100 washcloths were distributed that day. I hope everyone who took one is washing dishes with it this Mother's Day. Those precious cloths were made to be used. I'm sure my mom would attest to that.

Practically - there's another gift to add to the list.

Thanks, mom. Miss you. Jill Pertler is a syndicated columnist and award winning freelance writer working with graphic designer Nikki Willgoos to provide writing and design and other marketing services to businesses and individuals. You can check out her Web site at <http://marketing-by-jill.com> or e-mail jill.pertler@gquest.net.


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NIPSCO FILES TO MODERNIZE GAS RATES, EXTEND CUSTOMER PROGRAMS

Goal is to Maintain Lowest Gas Bills in Indiana

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) filed a natural gas rate case seeking to modernize its rate structure and extend programs that help customers reduce their gas usage and better manage their monthly bills.

NIPSCO's proposal, filed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), also contains provisions designed to allow the company to maintain the state's lowest natural gas bills while continuing to invest in northern Indiana's energy infrastructure. Such investments will help NIPSCO continue to meet northern Indiana's energy needs now and in the future.

"This filing benefits NIPSCO customers by introducing a much more contemporary natural gas rate structure along with the continuation of important programs to help consumers manage and potentially reduce their energy use," Jimmy Staton, NIPSCO executive vice president and group CEO, noted. "This filing also substantially holds the line on energy costs, which is an important part of our commitment to provide clean, reliable and affordable energy solutions that meet the needs of our customers and support Indiana's long-term economic growth."

New Rate Structure Offers More Predictable Bills
The proposal provides for a fixed monthly charge for delivery, based on NIPSCO's cost of providing service, which will help customers to clearly see how their usage affects the gas cost in their bills. This will offer customers more predictable bills from month-to-month and an opportunity to better track their gas use.

Maintaining Indiana's Lowest Gas Bills
Under NIPSCO's filing, the company's first gas base rate change in more than 20 years, a

typical residential customer's gas bill will increase by an average of \$1.67 per month, or about 2.65 percent.

"NIPSCO customers have the lowest gas bills in Indiana, and we want to continue offering the lowest bills under this proposal," Staton said. "We realize any increase is challenging, which is why we also are seeking approval to extend some of our most successful programs helping our customers reduce gas usage and lower their monthly bills."

Energy Efficiency and Customer Assistance Programs Extended

Among the benefited programs that NIPSCO customers can expect from this filing, highlights include:

• Cash incentives for buying energy-efficient gas appliances

• Energy assistance for income-eligible customers who are facing financial challenges

• High-efficiency furnace replacement for qualifying low-income households

• Convenient self-service tools to give you more control over your energy use and your bill

• Incentive programs for new construction homes that meet ENERGY STAR guidelines

• Energy efficiency education for local schools to create future energy-wise consumers

Staton also noted that NIPSCO has made a decision to reduce security deposit requirements for low-income customers. The change will be implemented in the fall of this year - separately from the rate case - to coincide with the Energy Assistance Program start-up date for the winter heating season.

The IURC will thoroughly review NIPSCO's proposal before taking action. NIPSCO expects the Commission's review to be completed by early-2011 or sooner.

Customers with questions

regarding NIPSCO's proposal may visit NIPSCO.com for more information.

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TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$128.40
LAKE MANTOU BEACH PROJECT	\$2,000.00
TOTAL C.E.D.I.T.	\$2,000.00

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Town & Country CHATTER...

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

Helen Whiteman and her daughter, Dr. Cindy Parker, enjoyed dining out Monday, April 26. In the morning, they enjoyed breakfast at the Kewanna Kafé. The evening found them in Palaski as dinner guests of Helen's son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman.

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Logansport Tuesday, April 27. They had an interesting time attending the political tea party rally.

Helen Whiteman and Dr. Cindy Parker had a nice time dining at Vicky's restaurant in Winamac Tuesday morning. Later in the day, Cindy left for her home in Marion, Virginia.

Ruth Cogdill and Mike welcomed family Tuesday. Arriving around noon were Ruth's son, Tim Cogdill of Macy; daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Jim Teeter of Bluffton; and granddaughter and great-grandson, Jessica Teeter and Nicholas. It was a little cool, but everyone enjoyed spending the day in the backyard. The highlight of the day was when Nicholas, who is three, was

introduced to Ruth's neighbor, Steve's, pot-bellied pig, Lucy. Nicholas was so excited to see a real pig that later in the week, his mother called Ruth to let her know that was all Nicholas had been talking about and cannot wait to come back for another visit to see the pig.

Linda Garner and her mother, Pauline Scales, enjoyed a fun evening together Tuesday. They were among those who enjoyed attending the Caston Elementary School's spring music program. Linda's grandchildren, and the Brianna Young, were among the talented young musicians performing.

Julie Brown accompanied Steve and Wendy Sutton, Luke and Tanner, to the Caston Elementary School's spring music program. Luke is a member of the sixth grade choir and band.

Ruth Cogdill and Mike traveled to Michigan City Wednesday afternoon, April 28, for an overnight stay at the Blue Chip Casino. As always, they had a wonderful time. They enjoyed the beautiful new rooms in the casino hotel. In the "it's a small world" category, while there they ran into Nancy Bowyer.

Don and Pauline Scales traveled to Ft. Wayne Thursday, April 29. They took care of some business before joining their daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Vic Heiden, for a pleasant visit over lunch.

Barb and Tom LaFollette helped serve pizzas at the Rochester VTW post Thursday evening.

JoAnn Tsoodile and Barb Heiber were in Mishawaka Friday, April 30. They enjoyed a complementary dinner at the Carrabas restaurant. The restaurant was hosting a special event for their most loyal customers asking them to try out some of the new menu items.

Both and Ray Weller had company over the weekend. Staying with them for a few days were their daughter, Beth Ann Deckard, of Lebanon, Ohio and

their granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Kirsten Kaufman and Kate.

Helen Whiteman and her daughter, Sherri Lett, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon Saturday, May 1. They were treated to lunch at the Kewanna Kafé by Sherri's granddaughter and her friend, Tiffany Troutman and Garrett.

Leonard and Nancy Evers had company Saturday. Coming for a very nice visit was their granddaughter, Kristin Evers of Logansport.

Saturday evening, Ruth Cogdill and Mike picked up Ruth's sister, Janet Norris, and headed into Logansport. They enjoyed a small dinner at the Silver Lake restaurant. They also stopped in at Martin's grocery and did a little shopping. As always, they had a wonderful evening filled with lots of reminiscing and laughter.

Renee Colley was in Chicago, Illinois Sunday, May 2. She had a wonderful time visiting with her sisters, Ellen Seal and Yvonne Leber. The trio enjoyed helping Renee celebrate her birthday with visiting Yvonne a "bon voyage." Yvonne left Monday, May 3, for the Netherlands to visit with their sister, Els Verboon, and their brother, Roy Verboon.

Mike Cogdill returned home to Eagle River, Alaska Sunday following a two-week visit with his mother, Ruth Cogdill. As usual, the time went too fast, but for Mike, coming home to Kewanna always means visiting

with family and friends.

Steven Pugh was the guest of honor at a Sunday morning breakfast at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Pugh; at Culver. Helping him celebrate his 5th birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pugh of Kewanna; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, of Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Clar and Allie, Sarah Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Easterday, all of Culver; Joe Easterday, Indianapolis; Mrs. Julie Day and Landon, Noblesville; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Easterday and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reinhold, all of Monterey; Mr. Lowell Reinhold, Winamac; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loehner, Pulaski; Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Murphy of Logansport; and Jackye Pugh, Luke Bruce.

Chloe Brown was the guest of honor at a small family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday and hosted by her parents and brother, Ted and Faith Brown and Barrett. Helping them mark the occasion with all the birthday activities were Chloe's grandparents, Mark and Mick Brown; her great-grandparents, Jerry and Kay Brown; her uncle and cousin, Steve Fox and Griffin; her great-uncle, Mike Brown; and her great-great-uncle, Evelyn Peters.

Nancy and Leonard Evers had a caller Sunday. Stopping by for a good afternoon of visiting was their son, Robert Evers. Robert had just returned from a week-

long trip to Arizona to visit with his children and their families.

Barb Heiber and JoAnn Tsoodile had working visitors Monday, May 3. Coming down to do some more spring planting were Barb's daughter and grandsons, Sue Janes and Tom and Joey Wilk of LaPorte. In the afternoon, the family enjoyed a cookout.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them a love best regards) are: Carter Batta, Molly McKinney, Matthew Meagher, Jordan Moss and Bob Sutton; May 8: John Evers, Emily Levin, Spencer Lewis, Vivian Pesaresi, Scott Straub, Ali Van Scoy and Rick Weller, May 10: Jeffrey Good and Kim Hunter, May 11: Bobby Evers, May 12: Logan Drew, Bob Herold, Macee Hinderlier, Ken Keyser, Keatin Shroder, Glenda Urban and Kenny Whiteman, May 13: Jarrod Agnew, John Anderson, Becky Baldwin and Mackenzie Carter, May 14: and Robin Fivecoat and Bev Humes, May 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foerg and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Meehan will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries May 10 and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Whiteman will be celebrating theirs May 14.

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