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The News In Brief

The Lake Bruce Conservancy District will hold its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Kewanna-Union Township Fire Station.

Mark Rodriguez has been elected president of the Board of Fulton County Commissioners for 2009. Roger Rose will serve as vice president. The other member of the 3-person board is recently elected Sherry Fulton. The commissioners meet the first Monday of the month at 9 a.m. and the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m., unless advertised otherwise.

The Fulton County Drainage Board will meet at 9 a.m. January 12 in the commissioners/council room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester. The Fulton County Park and Recreation Board will meet at 5 p.m. January 13 and the Fulton County Communications Board will meet at 9 a.m. January 14. Both of these meetings will be in the conference room of the Fulton County Office Building.

The Fulton County Board of Finance will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 12, in the small conference room of the Fulton County Office Building. The board will elect officers, organize, discuss a cash management contract for the next

two years and view reports.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital is offering a Healthcare Provider CPR class January 27. This class is designed for persons in the healthcare field. The class starts at 6 p.m. Eastern Time and will end at approximately 10 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 574-946-2193 to request a registration form or pick one up at the admissions desk. Class size is limited so please respond by January 24.

The National Weather Service says Indiana residents could be in store for mild weather the rest of the winter. The long range forecast calls for conditions across the state to be warmer and wetter than normal through March.

It has been known for some time that second hand smoke kills – reportedly 50,000 persons every year. Authorities are now warning that third hand smoke absorbed by carpet, upholstery, clothes, wall coverings, etc. is also toxic, especially to children.

Due to the recession, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management has halted funding for state grant and loan programs that support recycling and pollution prevention. This cut-off is expected to last through the summer of 2010.

A report released last Friday notes that the number of homicides in Gary fell significantly last year, but remained high enough to rank it

MEETING CHANGE

Due to the New Year's holiday, the Kewanna town council has rescheduled its first meeting for 2009 from Thursday, January 1, to Thursday, January 8. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the town hall and it is open to the public.

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second only to New Orleans as the city with the most homicides per capita in the U.S.

The National Commission on Surface Transportation Financing is calling for a 50 percent increase in federal taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel to finance highway construction and repairs. Due to the high gasoline prices, motorists are driving less and buying less gasoline, which means fuel taxes aren't raising enough money to build roads, bridges and make repairs.

Winamac was the scene of a murder-suicide Monday morning when Jonathan Minix rammed a truck driven by his estranged wife, Ella, ran up to the vehicle and began shooting. He then fled in his truck and turned the gun on himself less than a block away. The couples two children were in the vehicle with their mother when the incident occurred.

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2009 Farm Program Signup

Farmers may now enroll into the 2009 DCP program at their local Farm Service Agency offices. The signup period will end on June 1, 2009. Direct payments are computed using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Producers may request advance direct payments equal to 22 percent of the total guaranteed payment.

Signup for the new Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program will be announced later. The signup deadline for ACRE will also be June 1, 2009. Producers may first enroll into DCP and then later on modify their contracts to enroll into ACRE. Or, they may wait and elect to enroll into DCP and ACRE at the same time in the Spring of 2009.

Producers may contact the Fulton County FSA office at 574-223-3220 in order to schedule an appointment.

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Milk Income Loss Contract program

Dairy producers have two possible signup periods for the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program. The extended signup phase will begin on Jan. 22, 2009 and will continue until Sept. 30, 2012. Enrollment takes place in the county Farm Service Agency office of the county where the dairy operation is physically located or in the administrative county office for the operation.

During the initial signup period, producers may make the following MILC production starting month selections: for FY2009, either the month the application is submitted and any month that preceded the month it is submitted or any month remaining in FY 2009; for FY2010 thru 2012, any month for each fiscal year may be selected according to the normal production start month provisions. Please remember that the initial signup period ends on Jan. 21. After that date, all applications will fall under the extended signup period provisions.

Contact the Farm Service Agency office at 574-223-3220 for more information.

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**James F. Talbott VFW
 Post No. 1121
 January Calendar**

January 13 – Men's meeting, 6:30 p.m.

January 21 – Women's Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

January 25 – Open Sunday at the Post, 12 noon

January 27 – Men's Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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Deadline for circuit breaker credit

The Fulton County auditor has extended the deadline for the filing of the over 65 circuit breaker credit to Friday, January 9, 2009.

Income of those filing for the credit must not exceed \$30,000 for individuals or \$40,000 for married couples. Current year assessed value for the over 65 circuit breaker credit may not exceed \$160,000. Those applying for the credit must provide proof of adjusted gross income. If you have questions, please call the auditor's office at 574-223-2912.

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Hospice open house

Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., Rochester, will host an open house Wednesday, January 14, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Hope Hospice office. All friends of Hope Hospice and everyone who donated to the Memorial Christmas Tree, honorees, and families of memorialized persons are invited to attend.

During the open house, the commemorative ornaments from the Christmas tree will be given as keepsakes of this special holiday season to participating families. Also, during the open house, the Book of Remembrance listing the names of all the honorees and memorialized persons will be available for viewing.

Dan Purkey, executive director, invites the public to come to the open house and meet the staff, board members and volunteers of Hope Hospice.

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Small Business Counseling

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

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for January 14 call 574-223-3326.

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Rochester License Branch HOURS:

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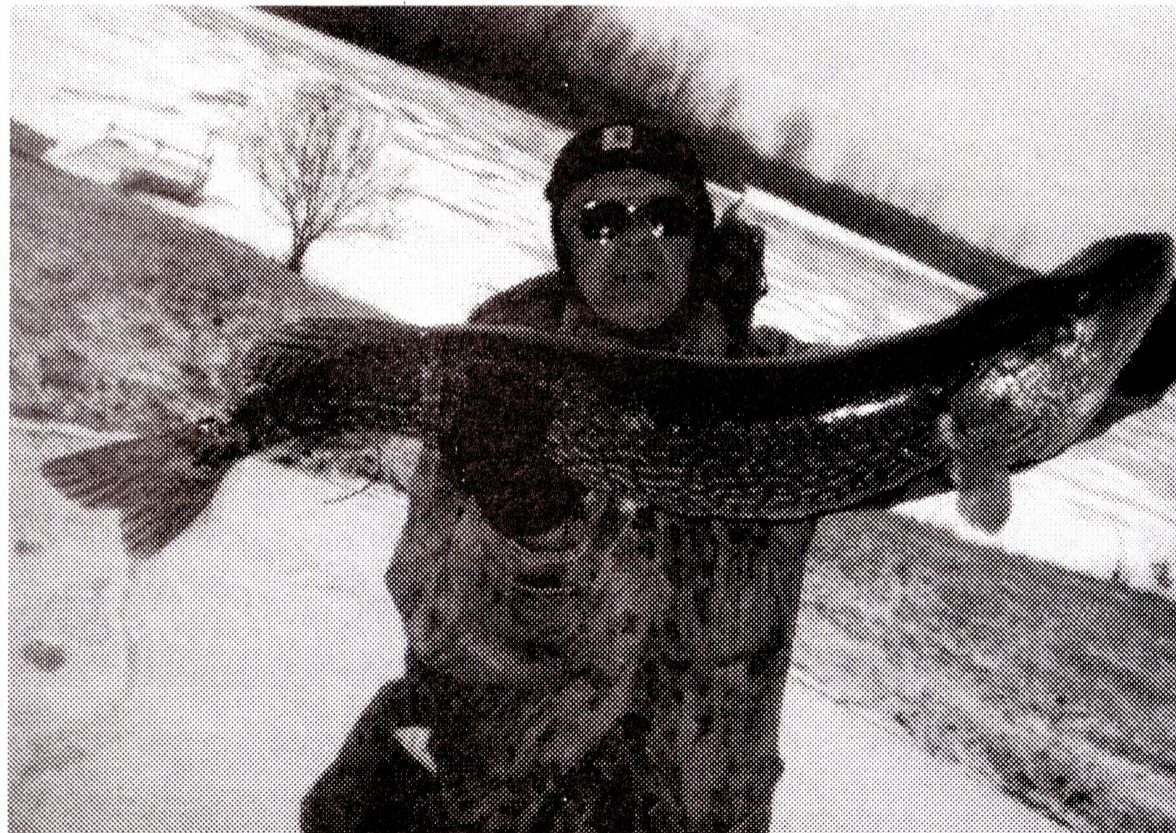
Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

8:30 - 5:00

Sat., 8:30 - 12:30

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A really big catch!

Larry Leasure, a dedicated fisherman who lives four miles east of Kewanna, tries to fish somewhere locally every day for at least a few minutes. New Year's Day was no exception. He was using a #3 rapala ice fishing jig hoping to catch enough bluegills for a tasty lunch when something hit with way too much

force to be a bluegill or crappie. It ran with his line over and over for up to 100 feet, while he fought to bring it in. After at least 15 minutes, when both he and the fish were tiring, he saw it swim past his fishing hole in the ice. Bass swim by in a fraction of a second. This fish took a VERY long time to make the passage. Holding tension on the line, he

used the spud bar in his other hand to do what he knew he would have to do. He enlarged the hole to accommodate this 18-pound, 41-inch northern pike. Because he names and returns all of the fish he catches that weigh over five pounds, Jumbo January Joy posed for its watery, then was returned to its waters home.

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Send In Your News



John Lincoln to celebrate 75th birthday

John Lincoln, Kewanna, will be the guest of honor at a 75th birthday celebration Saturday, January 10, at 6 p.m. at the VFW in Winamac. Friends and family are invited to help him celebrate the occasion with a dinner. The only gift requested is the gift of your presence.

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Meal site at local fire station

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

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

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU January 12 - 16

Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal bar, string cheese, juice and milk

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Wednesday - Omelet, juice and milk

Thursday - Biscuit with jelly, juice and milk

Friday - Peanut butter toast,

graham cracker, juice and milk

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Nacho cheese with Tostitos, green beans, strawberry cup and milk

Tuesday - Chicken sandwich, potatoes, grapes, cookie and milk

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, hash browns, applesauce, donut and milk

Thursday - Turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, fruit ice, hot roll and milk

Friday - Tacos, lettuce and cheese, peach crisp and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese breadstick, green beans, pears, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Hot dog sandwich, fries, grapes, blueberry muffin and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Cheeseburger sandwich, vegetable medley, applesauce, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Nacho supreme, Tostitos, corn, orange juice cup and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - Breaded chicken sandwich, carrots, pineapple, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Events

Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show:

Jan. 9 - 11 in the South Pavilion. Hours: Fri. 2 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Dan Masters (405) 340-1333 or www.indy1500.com.

Indiana Fly Fishing: Jan 10 in the Ag/Hort Building and

Northwest Pavilion. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 10 and younger, Scouts in uniform are free. Contact: Patti Beasley (317) 27-1164 or www.reelwomen-reelmen.com.

Naptown Roller Derby - Tornado Sirens vs. Steel City Derby Demons: Jan. 10 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Doors open at 6:20 p.m.; match begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$16 at the door; \$11 in advance. Contact: (317) 509-8091 or www.naptownrollergirls.com.

Midwest Reptile Show: Jan. 11 in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion. Hours: Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; children 8 and younger free. Contact: Brian Hahn (317)861-5550 or www.midwestreptile.com.

U.S. Coin Operated Game Auction: Jan. 17 in the Pioneer Our Land Pavilion. Doors open at 8 a.m.; auction begins at 10 a.m. Admission: free. Contact: Ric Stephan (812) 224-1069 or www.usamusement.com.

33rd Annual Greater Indianapolis Garage Sale & Marketplace: Jan. 17 - 18 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion and Champions Pavilion. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$3.50/day or \$5/weekend; children 12 and younger free. Contact: The Promotion Company (317) 236-6515 or www.familyevents.com.

41st Annual Central Indiana RV & Camper Show: Jan. 17 - 25 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Mon. - Fri. 1 to 9 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$7 adults; \$6 seniors (60+); children 16 and younger free with adult admission. Contact: Mark

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Brewers of Indiana Guild Winterfest: Jan. 24 in the Champions Pavilion. Hours: 4 to 7 p.m. Admission: \$20 advance tickets available at Brewer pubs; \$25 at the door. Contact: Penn Jensen (812) 822-2006 or www.brewersofindianaguild.com.

Indiana Judges Cup Gymnastics: Jan. 24 - 25 in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children grades 1 - 12. Contact: Judy Kemp (812) 265-3586 or www.in-nawgj.org.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, January 12 - Smoked sausage, blacked eye peas, cole slaw, cherry cobbler, roll and milk

Wednesday, January 14 - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, applesauce, wheat bread

and milk
Friday, January 16 - Cheeseburger sandwich, cauliflower/broccoli, green beans, peaches and milk

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Power wheelchairs available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes power wheelchairs available to senior citizens and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk safely, nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, call 1-800-246-6010 for more information to see if they qualify.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 December 24
 Births – Jennifer Warren, Rochester, a son
 December 29
 Admissions – Kandi Brandenburg, Krystal York, Robert Richard and Opal Flenner, Rochester; Charity Blevins, Akron; Chester Carpenter, Kewanna
 Dismissals – Linda Dilling and Chester Carpenter, Kewanna; Shane Kreft, Jacquelyn MacLain, Jennifer Warren and son and Krystal York, Rochester; Charity Blevins, Akron
 Births – Dalea and Raymond Zimpleman, Rochester, a son
 December 30
 Admissions – none published
 Dismissals – none published
 Births – Jeff and Ashley Furnivall, Rochester, a son
 December 31
 Admissions – none published
 Dismissals – Opal Flenner and Robert Richard, Rochester
 Births – Virgil and Maryanne Imhoff, Argos, a daughter
 January 2
 Admissions – Kathryn Tilley, Rochester; Sharon Hileman, Fulton
 Dismissals – Dalea Zimpleman, Kimberly Antrim, Ashley Furnival and son and Kathryn Tilley, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
 December 26
 Admissions – Elisabeth Johns, Kewanna
 Dismissals – none
 December 27
 Admissions – none
 Dismissals – none
 December 28
 Admissions – William Burgess, Kewanna; Jane Pries, Medaryville; Makenna Lee Fisher, Donald Reid, Sr. and Rose Brinkman, Winamac
 Dismissals – Elisabeth Johns, Kewanna

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December 29
 Admissions – Oralia Cardenas, Doris Dilts and Raymond Nyeholt, Winamac; Sharon Sampson, Rensselaer and Tina Grigsby, Medaryville
 Dismissals – Dorothy Strasser, Winamac
 December 30
 Admissions – Mathilda Lamb, Kewanna; James Hindle and Mary Carey, Knox; Mary Guise, Culver; Emma Jean Russell, Royal Center
 Dismissals – Harold Sellers, Monterey; Makenna Lee Fisher, Winamac
 December 31
 Admissions – Ashlynn Greer, Monterey
 Dismissals – Donald E. Reid, Sr., Arthur Dolezal, Oralia Cardenas and Raymond Nyeholt, Winamac; Tina Grigsby, Medaryville
 January 1
 Admissions – Malaki Neeley, Star City; Freda Passmore, Winamac
 Dismissals – Ashlynn Greer, Monterey
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Mission center/homeless shelter needs help
 Emmaus Mission Center in Logansport is seeking organizations and individuals to volunteer at its thrift shop and also needs donations for its homeless shelter, girls home and food pantry.
 Anyone interested in sorting thrift shop donations may call 574-739-0731.
 Items needed at the shelter and thrift shop include paper products, cleaning and laundry supplies, personal hygiene items, copier paper, stamps, envelopes, cold and flu medicines, cough drops, cereal bowls, silverware and food supplies of any kind. These items can be dropped off at the mission center, 805 Spencer Street, Logansport. Emmaus serves Cass County and the surrounding counties, including Fulton.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
 The Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree was a great success. The 2008 holiday season was a time for remembering, and our thoughts turned to those whom we were privileged to know. Personalized Christmas ornaments were created by Hope Hospice in memory or honor of these loved ones and friends.
 Hope Hospice wrote the names of loved ones on beautiful glass ornaments and one by one, hung these on the beautiful Memorial Christmas Tree in the entrance of Rochester's First Federal Savings Bank. It was a special time of remembering for many families and loved ones. Also, through the memorial and honorary gifts to Hope Hospice, funds were raised for the care of hospice patients in both Fulton County and other near-by cities.
 We appreciate everyone's support of the Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree. To those who participated, we say thank you.

Daniel L. Purkey,
 Executive Director
 Hope Hospice
 Rochester, Indiana
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Hearst Castle in San Simeon, Calif., is the most expensive private house ever built. It cost publisher William Randolph Hearst \$30 million to erect the 100-room structure between 1922 and 1939.

TECHNOLOGY IN OUR LIVES

New Program Changes TV

(NAPS)—Regardless of your favorite TV show, odds are you'll want to tune in to the details of a federal law that is soon to take effect.
 At midnight on Feb. 17, 2009, all full-power television broadcast stations are required to stop broadcasting in analog format (a transmission that can be picked up for free by older-model analog TVs with antennae) and broadcast only in digital. Congress called for the switch to all-digital television (DTV) broadcasting in an effort to free up frequencies for police, fire and other public safety communications, among other things.
 According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), people who have analog televisions will need to purchase a digital-to-analog set-top converter box to be able to view over-the-air broadcasts once the switch occurs. Consumers who have digital televisions but don't subscribe to a cable or satellite service will not need converter boxes to continue to view local broadcast stations.
 Consumers who receive their local broadcast channels through a cable or satellite television service, such as DirecTV (which has been delivering 100 percent digital signals since its inception in 1994), will not be affected by the transition.
 Consumers should know that the digital transition does not mean they will automatically get HD. They must have an HDTV set and an HD receiver and subscribe to an HD programming package. DirecTV, for example, offers more than 130 HD channels and provides both HD and digital video-recording technology in one set-top box.
 The digital transition will open the door for many consumers to the latest advances in TV technology, like digital video recording. DirecTV's DVR, for example, includes an easy-to-use search function that allows viewers to locate exactly what they want to watch and record, and record one show while watching another.
 There's even a series link feature that enables the viewer to record every episode of a show and an interactive feature that provides access to personalized information such as horoscopes, local weather and lottery results.
 As a final tip, keep in mind that any TV set sold after May 25, 2007 should have contained a digital tuner—meaning it would likely not need modification to accommodate the broadcasting switch—or should have been identified at the store as not having one. Be sure to look for this label if you're in the market for a new TV.
 For more information, visit www.directv.com.



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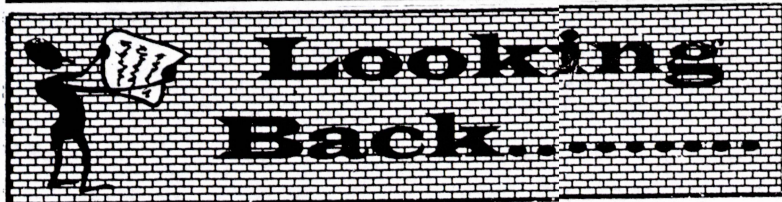
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SIXTY YEARS AGO January 6, 1949

Thelma Johnston has taken over the position of librarian at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library. She succeeds Grace DeVault who has been serving in that capacity for some time.

The local fire department was called to the Art Felder home on New Year's Eve to extinguish a fire caused by an overheated stove. On New Year's Day, the department was called to the Carl Hood home to extinguish a small fire.

Ralph D. Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Shoemaker, Kewanna, has been elected president of the Lafayette Loan and Trust Co. in Lafayette, the largest and most influential bank in Lafayette.

Postmaster Shoemaker reminds Kewanna patrons of the new increase in postal rates effective New Year's Day. Air mail rates increased from 5 cents to 6 cents while first class special delivery letters or parcels up to two pounds in weight will cost 15 cents instead of 13 cents.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 8, 1954

Word has been received of the death of John W. Quirk of Chicago. Mr. Quirk is well known at Lake Bruce as he and his wife spent their summers in their resort home there.

The Bruce Lake Community Church elected officers recently for the new year. Elected were: Sunday school superintendent, Raymond Hinderlinder; assistant, Charles Overmyer; treasurer, William Pickens; assistant, Clyde Garner; chorister, Roy Murdick; assistant, Agnes Hinderlinder; secretary, Chloe Wolfe; assistant, Sandra Hinderlinder; librarian, Gerald Hisey; assistant, JoAnne Engle.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Rochester for Denise Ann Cessna, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cessna. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery there.

Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Schnapf and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sommers left Tuesday for Tampa, Florida, where Cpl. Schnapf will be stationed. While there, Mr. and Mrs. Sommers will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Moon, formerly of Star City. Moon is also serving with the Armed Forces there.

An oyster supper was enjoyed New Year's Eve in the Burl Eber home. Guests included Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Starner and daughter of Ovid, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Starner of Talma; Mr. and Mrs. Orin Mathias, Mrs. Leitha Eber and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wallace, all of Rochester.

Miss Dorothy Douglass of near Grass Creek will begin duties as secretary in the office of Earl

Rouch, county school superintendent, Monday morning. She will also serve as secretary for the county health nurse, Henrietta Ferguson, whose office is across the hall from Rouch's office in the court house.

Nellie Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Walsh of here, was recently selected to represent Ball State Teacher's College in the 1953-54 edition of "Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities".

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 8, 1959

No cause has been found for a fire that destroyed a 36 x 60 foot barn on the Jess Warmbrod farm west of Kewanna Sunday morning. Warmbrod did not detect any sign of fire when he did chores earlier in the morning. In spite of quick action by the fire department, the barn was completely destroyed and a smaller barn nearby suffered damage to the roof and siding. The owner of the farm is Frank Felder of Rensselaer.

A fire believed to have been caused by a defective flue was discovered at 9:15 Sunday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Evans smelled smoke in their home northeast of here. The fire was restricted to the roof and upstairs where five of the Evans' six children were sleeping.

Robert R. Reinholt, 30, son of Roy and Lottie Hoover Reinholt, Kewanna, died at 9:30 a.m. Monday in his home west of here. He had been ill for several years.

Daniel F. Hizer, 79, Grass Creek, died at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. He was married to the former Anna O. Herrold and was a retired mail carrier and hatchery man as well as a member of the Grass Creek EUB Church.

Bob Greer entered Purdue University Monday for an 8-week course in agriculture.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Burton, Rt. 1, Kewanna, a son in Woodlawn Hospital. The baby has been named Wendell Louis.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January 9, 1964

Carl Herrold of Wayne Township was elected chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners Thursday as the three-member board met for its annual reorganization.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed, Kewanna, a son in Woodlawn Hospital.

Nancy Walters is home from Indianapolis to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walters.

Frank Hiland, Kewanna, suffered a stroke in his home Friday morning and was admitted to Pulaski Memorial Hospital.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 2, 1969

Winamac Coil Spring has decided to discontinue sponsoring its 12" fast pitch softball team due to the loss of several very key players from the 1968 team.

The communities of Kewanna and Grass Creek were without electricity several hours Saturday evening when two insulators were shot off a utility pole southwest of Kewanna. This marks the third weekend in a row that power has been off either Friday or Saturday, but the first time it was noticed that insulators had been shot.

The Cyanamid Farm Supply building on State Road 14, a mile west of State Road 17, has become a favorite spot for burglars. It was broken into during the weekend for the third time in recent months and a radio valued at \$30 was taken.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Harrison Funeral Home for Detta Sadler, 72, Grass Creek. Rev. Father Harold Weller officiated and burial was in the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Nelson, of Grass Creek.

Final rites were conducted Sunday in the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church for Hattie Werner, 96, of Winamac. Rev. Keith Smitley officiated and burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. She was the mother of William Werner of Lake Bruce.

THIRTY YEARS AGO January 4, 1979

Members of the KHS child development class taught by Mrs. Janet Yocum were pictured with a bean bag toss game they

presented to the local nursery school. Class members included Julie Markley, Donna Woods, Diana Swafford, Shelly Cornelius, Nola Personett and Stephanie Dimmock. Class members not present for the picture included Lisa Harris and Tonya Hartwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greer, Kewanna, announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Donald Bennett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett of Etna Green and the late Carolyn Enyeart. Miss Greer is a 1979 mid-term graduate of Caston High School and attends Cincinnati Bible College. Her fiancé is a 1978 graduate of Kewanna High School and is employed with E. I. DuPont Co., Fortville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mullet, Kewanna, are the parents of a son, Ronald Jr., born Wednesday, January 3, at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. Ron is the basketball coach at KHS.

Mary Bangel was appointed to the local library board by Judge Douglas Morton. She replaces Eileen Donathen who asked not to be reappointed.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January 5, 1989

The Kewanna town board accepted the resignation of marshal Kevin Drummond at its year-end meeting last Thursday evening. Drummond has moved from the area.

A five-generation picture depicted Cory Roe Good with four generations of his "elders", his dad, Brad Good; his grandfather, Dick Good; his great-grandmother, Ginger Good; and his great-great-grandmother, Goldie Hamman.

Angela Whiteman, Kewanna, underwent an appendectomy at Pulaski Memorial Hospital December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Emery, Rt. 1, Macy, are the parents of a son, Kyle Douglass, born Dec. 13 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. He has three sisters, Tara, Tristan and Morgan. Mrs. Emery is the former Tricia Fields. Roger and Neva Fields are the baby's maternal grandparents.

TEN YEARS AGO January 7, 1999

County Road 1100 W remained plugged with several feet of snow Monday afternoon after Mother Nature dumped 16 inches of snow on Fulton County as well as most of the state. Students have received extended holiday vacations with area schools closing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with more snow forecast for Friday.

Kyle, age 12, and Karena, age 7, children of Kerry and Donna Newman and Stacy, age 7, and Alex, age 4, children of Art and Margaret Gudas, were featured as "Tomorrow's Leaders".

Fred and Joyce Luhnnow had a few visitors Christmas Eve. Joining them for supper were their son and his family, Doug and Beth Luhnnow, Amber, Brad and Adam, and Joyce's mother, Ruth Ann Anderson. Later, Santa made an appearance and delivered presents to the younger ones while visiting with them.

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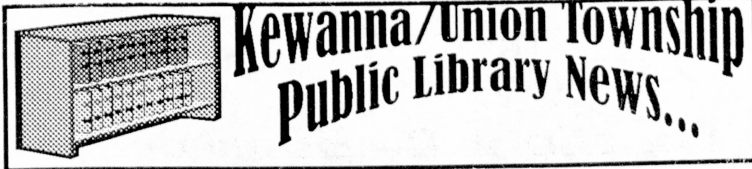
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Large Print General Fiction— *Scarpetta* (A Kay Scarpetta novel) by Patricia Cornwell; *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff; *I See You Everywhere* by Julia Glass; and *Cruel Intent* by J.A. Jance.

Large Print Mystery Fiction— *Slipknot* by Linda Greenlaw.

Indiana Collection— *Indiana: Off the Beaten Path* by Phyllis Thomas.

Nonfiction— *A New Earth, An Old Deception* by Richard Abanes; *The Journey* by Rev. Billy Graham; *The Color of Justice* by Samuel Walker, Cassia Spohn and Miriam DeLone.

JUVENILES:

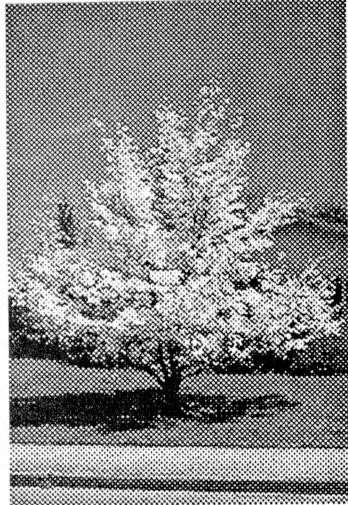
Picture Book— *The Great Swimming Race* by Ann Bryant; *Sir Talkalot and The Dragon* by Sherryl Clark; *The Apple Tree Alien* by Peggy Dolan; *The Great Escape* by Sue Graves; *The Monster Party* by Damian Harvey; and *The Wrong Shirt* by Karina Law; *Who Made This*

Cake? by Chihiro Nakagawa.

Teenage General Fiction— *Sword of Waters* (#2 of The Shield, Sword and Crown series) by Hilari Bell.

Youth Nonfiction— *Cool Calligraphy, Cool Collage, Cool Drawing, Cool Painting, Cool Printmaking* and *Cool Sculpture* (from the Cool Art series) by Anders Hanson.

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Indiana Residents Receive 10 Free Flowering Trees for Joining the Arbor Day Foundation in January

Ten free flowering trees will be given to residents of Indiana who become members of the Arbor Day Foundation in

January 2009.

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

Those who join the Foundation in January will receive two white flowering dogwoods, two flowering crabapples, two Washington hawthorns, two American redbuds, and two golden rain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will give your home in Indiana the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers -- and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the

free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2009. Indiana residents can also join online at arborday.org.

Sports Shorts

Varsity Basketball

The Comet boys' basketball team thought it was going to rack up its first win of the season in opening round action of the Community State Bank Holiday Tourney at Caston Friday night -- but their hopes were dashed in overtime when LaVille defeated the Comets, 57-54. Wes Rigney was the leading scorer for Caston with 33 points. Class A No. 1 Triton defeated Culver Friday night, 68-48, to set up matches between Caston/Culver and LaVille/Triton for Saturday night. Caston was also edged out Saturday night when Culver handed them a 39-36 defeat. Triton went on to take the tourney championship. The Comets will travel to West Central Friday night.

Varsity wrestling

The Caston varsity wrestling team went 0-5 at the Twin Lakes Invitational Dec. 31. Other participants were Frontier, Carroll, Gary Lew Wallace and North Judson. Individual performances for the day were: 171 Austin Ault, 5-0 with 3 pins; 145 David McMenamin, 5-0 with 3 pins; 135 Wil Holloway, 4-1 with 2 pins; 103 Kyle Harvey, 4-1 with 1 pin; 119 Graham Redweik, 3-2 with 1 pin; 125 Blain Hizer, 3-2 with 2 pins.

The Comets competed in the John McKee Invitational at Rochester Saturday, Jan. 3. Placing for Caston were 119 Graham Redweik, 4th; 130 Wil Holloway, 6th; 145 David McMenamin, 7th; 103 Kyle Harvey, 8th; 125 Blain Hizer, 8th; and 160 Austin Ault, 8th.

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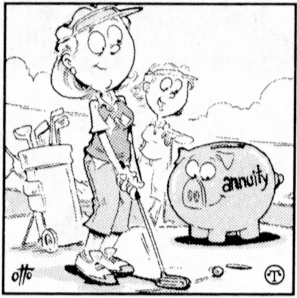
(NAPS)—Today's retirees can look forward to a lengthy retirement and some unique challenges.

In addition to continued reductions in Social Security benefits and the demise of company-sponsored pensions, seniors are living longer in general and often face debilitating health conditions that require expensive care. These concerns are especially true for women retirees. Because about 75 percent of nursing home residents are women, sound financial planning is increasingly important.

Because of an increased life expectancy, women are faced with financing a substantially longer retirement than men—a healthy 65-year-old woman has a 50 percent chance of living beyond age 88 and a 25 percent chance of living beyond 94. This is great news, but with a volatile stock market and uncertain economy, living well in retirement may seem a difficult goal.

There is a solution—an income annuity. This insurance product lets you create a steady stream of monthly income you can rely on for life for 25 to 40 percent less than through traditional means. That's because insurers spread risk across large numbers of people.

Women have traditionally been advised to invest in higher-risk products to get the higher returns necessary to finance longer retirements; however, these investment



By making smart decisions today, you can lock in the retirement lifestyle and security you want tomorrow, helping to ensure that your retirement years are in fact your golden years—safe, secure and free of financial worry.

strategies can expose women to unnecessary risk over the long term.

A recent study released by the Wharton Financial Institutions Center, co-sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company, found such traditional financial advice is at odds with women's prospect of living more than 30 years in retirement. Fortunately, an annuity guarantees payments that won't vary with changes in the financial markets, unlike investments in stocks or mutual funds.

Economists now believe that lifetime income annuities should play a substantial and much larger role than previously suggested in retirement plans, comprising more than 40 percent of total retirement assets. Lifetime income annuities typically yield more than

CDs, bonds, money market funds and what can be expected from common stock dividends—without the market risk.

"When compared under the rigorous analytical apparatus of economic science to other available choices for retirement income, lifetime income annuities, when supplemented with fixed income investments and equities, are the best way we have now to prepare for retirement," said Professor David Babbel, fellow of the Wharton Financial Institutions Center and co-author of the study.

Additionally, unique flexibilities built into modern income annuities make them even more attractive to many women. Today's annuities include features that allow access to cash when needed, inflation protection, the opportunity to benefit from rising interest rates and the ability to leave a legacy for heirs, all while providing peace of mind in retirement.

To make the most of your retirement, it's important to back it up with a company you can trust. A mutual company with a long, steady track record, like New York Life Insurance Company, can help provide the financial security that is essential.

To find out more about lifetime income annuities, visit www.newyorklife.com/womenandfinance or e-mail retirement_income@newyorklife.com.

Spotlight On Sports

When It Comes To The Big Game, Bigger Is Better

(NAPS)—As Super Bowl XLIII approaches, sports fans will turn their attention toward Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. But if you're not one of the lucky 65,647 football fans who has a ticket for the ultimate AFC-NFC showdown, there are still ways to appreciate the sights and sounds of the gridiron battle.

A Different Approach

Anybody can put out some chips and dip, turn on the TV and call it a Super Bowl party. But is that really what you've been waiting for all season? Consider these tips for putting together a super shindig (and get ready to practice your end-zone dance):

- Match the menu to the arena. While there are plenty of "traditional" party foods to keep your fellow fans fed, you can also give them a taste of Tampa by mixing in some Florida food—grouper, tilapia, shrimp and alligator nuggets are all popular favorites from the Tampa Bay area.

- While most of the country is expected to be bundled up in early February, Tampa could easily have temperatures in the 70s at game time. No matter where you live, you can generate some tropical heat with frozen drinks, aloha shirts and cool shades.

- When it comes to watching sports at home, bigger is always better—especially when it comes to the biggest game of the year. And while big, flat screen TVs are a popular option, they can only get so big without breaking your budget. But there's another way to get an expansive view in a less-expensive fashion.

Projection systems have a lower cost per square inch of viewing area compared to televisions. And today's digital projectors even take advantage of high-definition



A home projection system is an affordable way to enjoy sports on a big screen.

technology, for the ultimate in picture and sound quality.

For example, the Mitsubishi HC1600 HD DLP home-theater projector blasts a bright 1,700 lumens and provides an outstanding 2,500:1 contrast ratio for high action and detailed video impact, even with the lights on. In addition, the system fits more viewing environments than large-screen televisions and, with a sticker price under \$1,000, fits smaller budgets as well.

If you are looking for a projector with inorganic LCD panels that are more durable and provide a more consistent, evenly toned color image, there's the HC5500, also from Mitsubishi. With a newly developed LCD panel cooling duct, it's designed to be one of the quietest projectors in the world, so you can focus on the game instead of a distracting hum of the fan.

These projectors produce rich and vibrant colors with extraordinary detail for outstanding picture quality—meaning the action will look sharp no matter which side you're rooting for, or even if you're just watching for the commercials.

For more information about these projectors and the current generous rebate promotions offered with them, please visit www.mitsubishi-home-theater.com.

children's HEALTH

Late Winter/Early Spring Is Meningitis Peak Season: Could Your Preteen Or Teen Be At Risk?

National Meningitis Association Urges Parents To Protect Their Preteens And Teens Through Vaccination

(NAPS)—What began for Gerald Pe as a pleasant day at the beach quickly turned into a fight for his life and resulted in him losing portions of his feet and suffering organ failure. Lynn Bozof's son, Evan, called home from college to say he had a terrible headache, and within hours was admitted to the intensive care unit; Evan died 26 days later. Gerald and Evan contracted meningococcal disease, more commonly known as meningitis, and your preteen and teenage children may also be at risk. The National Meningitis Association is urging parents this winter to get their preteen and teenage children vaccinated against this devastating disease.

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection that can lead to death or permanent disability, such as brain damage, organ failure or amputation of arms and/or legs, in a matter of hours. The disease can be easily misdiagnosed since early symptoms often mimic those of the flu and may include high fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting and exhaustion. In later stages, a rash may appear. Given its quick progression and devastating nature, prevention is the best approach to treating meningococcal disease.



Late winter/early spring is meningitis peak season. Parents are urged to protect their preteens and teens through vaccination.

"It wasn't until my son, Evan, died that my family learned about a simple vaccination that could have saved his life," said Lynn Bozof, Executive Director of the National Meningitis Association. "Meningococcal disease can strike anyone at any time of year, but cases peak in late winter and early spring. With meningitis peak season upon us, I encourage parents to speak with their child's health care provider about meningococcal vaccination."

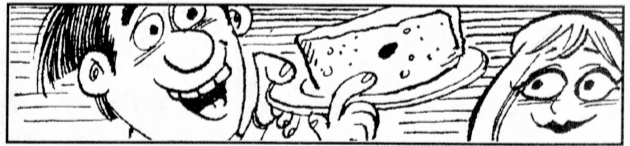
Preteens and teens are at greater risk for meningococcal disease, accounting for nearly 30 percent of the estimated 3,000 cases that occur in the U.S. each year. The good news is the majority of cases among preteens and teens can potentially be prevented

through vaccination. This is why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends meningococcal vaccination for all preteens and teens 11 through 18 years of age and college freshmen living in dormitories.

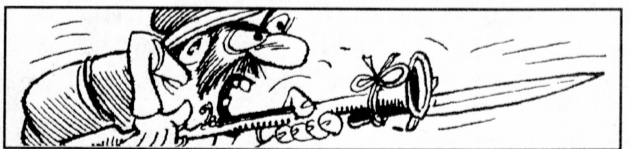
Meningococcal disease is spread through air droplets and direct contact with those who are infected, such as through coughing or kissing. Certain lifestyle factors, such as dormitory-style living, prolonged close contact with large groups of other teens, irregular sleep patterns and active or passive smoking, are thought to put preteens and teens at increased risk for the infection.

"I knew the meningococcal vaccine was recommended for teens, but I didn't realize how serious meningococcal disease can be or that I was at increased risk, so I never made an appointment to get vaccinated," said Gerald Pe, a meningococcal disease survivor. "I almost lost my life to meningococcal disease. I urge you to have your preteens and teens vaccinated. Don't wait until it's too late."

For more information about meningococcal disease and prevention, visit the National Meningitis Association's Web site at www.nmaus.org.



It was once customary to bake a cake with a bean in it on January 6th. Whoever got the slice with the bean was believed to have good luck all the rest of the year.



Bayonets are believed to have been invented by Basque soldiers in the 17th century who stuck their knives at the ends of their muskets after running out of gunpowder on the Bayonette Ridge.



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EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: With all the talk of rising seas, what could happen to the rivers that flow into the oceans? Will they reverse flow? Will rising seas back up into fresh water lakes? And what happens to our groundwater should saltwater flow backwards into it? -- Sandy Smith, concerned Michigander

The intrusion of saltwater from the sea into rivers and groundwater is a serious issue, but the threat is not from a reversal of flow, and our far inland lakes and rivers are not expected to be directly affected by the salty water of our oceans. However, the sensitive areas around the edges of our continents, where fresh water meets salt water, are at risk, and greater efforts must be taken to protect them. Some 40 percent of world population lives less than 40 miles (60 kilometers) from the shoreline.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), global average sea levels should rise eight to 34 inches by the year 2100, a much faster pace than the four to 10 inch increase of the past century. Seas rise because of higher global temperatures, melting mountain glaciers and polar ice caps, and other factors. Higher temperatures also cause thermal expansion of ocean water, intensifying the problem.

Rising sea levels cause major problems as they erode and flood coastlines and, yes, as they mix salt water with fresh. A November 2007 article in *ScienceDaily* posited that coastal communities could face significant losses in fresh water supplies as saltwater intrudes inland. And whereas it had been previously assumed that salty water could only intrude underground as far as it did above ground, new studies show that in some cases salt water can go 50 percent further inland underground than it does above ground.

Salty water invading groundwater can reach not only

residential water supplies but intakes for agricultural irrigation and industrial uses, as well. Economic effects include loss of coastal fisheries and other industries, coastal protection costs, and the loss of once-valuable coastal property as people move inland.

Estuaries of rivers have in the past handled rising ocean levels. Sediment that accumulates along the edge of an estuary can raise the level of the land as the sea levels rise. And mangrove swamps, which buffer many a coastal zone around the world, flourish in brackish conditions. But because of our preference for living in coastal areas, and our habit of re-engineering our surroundings accordingly, humans make matters worse by preventing natural processes from managing the change. On the coast, we build roads and buildings, and replace natural buffers like mangrove swamps with dikes and bulkheads to control flooding, which make the problem worse by preventing beach sediment from collecting. And as we dam rivers and create reservoirs, we trap the sediment that would naturally flow down to the sea.

In some places, changes are happening. Governments are beginning to restrict or prohibit building in setback zones along the coast where risk of erosion is the greatest. A newer policy of "rolling easements" is also being tried, where developers are allowed to build in restricted zones but will be required to remove the structures if and when they become threatened by erosion. The IPCC recommends more drastic actions, such as creating more marshes and wetlands as buffers against the rising level of the sea, and migrating populations and industry away from coastlines altogether.

CONTACTS: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, www.ipcc.ch.

Dear EarthTalk: Is it better to drive an older, well-maintained car that gets about 25 miles per gallon, or to buy a new car that gets about 35 miles per gallon?-- Edward Peabody, via e-mail

It definitely makes more sense from a green perspective to keep your old car running and well-maintained as long as you can—especially if it's getting such good mileage. There are

significant environmental costs to both manufacturing a new automobile and adding your old car to the ever-growing collective junk heap.

A 2004 analysis by Toyota found that as much as 28 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions generated during the lifecycle of a typical gasoline-powered car can occur during its manufacture and its transportation to the dealer; the remaining emissions occur during driving once its new owner takes possession. An earlier study by Seikei University in Japan put the pre-purchase number at 12 percent.

Regardless of which conclusion is closer to the truth, your current car has already passed its manufacture and transport stage, so going forward the relevant comparison has only to do with its remaining footprint against that of a new car's manufacture/transport and driver's footprint—not to mention the environmental impact of either disposing of your old car or selling it to a new owner who will continue to drive it. There are environmental impacts, too, even if your old car is junked, dismantled and sold for parts.

And don't forget that the new hybrids—despite lower emissions and better gas mileage—actually have a much larger environmental impact in their manufacture, compared to non-hybrids. The batteries that store energy for the drive train are no friend to the environment—and having two engines under one hood increases manufacturing emissions. And all-electric vehicles are only emission-free if the outlet providing the juice is connected to a renewable energy source, not a coal-burning power plant, as is more likely.

If you want to assess your current car's fuel efficiency or emissions, there are many services available online. The government website FuelEconomy.gov provides fuel efficiency stats for hundreds of different vehicles dating back to 1985. Websites TrackYourGasMileage.com and MPGTune.com can help you track your mileage and provide efficiency tips to improve fuel and model vehicle. MyMileMarker.com takes it a step further, making projections about annual mileage, fuel costs and fuel efficiency based on

your driving habits. If you have an iPhone, you can keep track of your car's carbon footprint with the new "Greenmeter App" from Hunter Research and Technologies. The program uses numerous variables to make its calculations on-the-go as you drive, including weather conditions, cost of fuel, vehicle weight, and more.

If you simply must change your vehicle, be it for fuel efficiency or any other reason, one option is to simply buy a used car that gets better gas mileage than your existing one. There's much to be said, from many environmental vantage points, about postponing replacement purchases—of anything, not just cars—to keep what's already made out of the waste stream and to delay the additional environmental costs of making something new.

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Healthy Ideas

(NAPS)—The symptoms of ADHD—inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity—make it difficult to pay attention and focus, be organized, complete tasks, and maintain relationships. Talk to your doctor if you think you may have ADHD.



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 If you're a female over 40, get an annual mammogram, advises the California Health Communication Partnership, which is supported by the Seth Sprague Educational and Charitable Foundation. If you can't afford one, call your state department of health or 1-800-4-CANCER.

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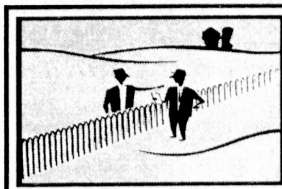
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Linda Bangel of Schoolcraft, Michigan arrived late Tuesday, Dec. 30, for an old year/new year visit with her parents, Earl and Mary Bangel.

Pauline Brown and Julie were in Plymouth Wednesday, Dec. 31. They did some shopping before dining at the Bob Evans restaurant.

The members of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church enjoyed a New Year's party Wednesday.

Bill Evers and Veronica Pardy and Courtney returned to Henrietta, New York, Wednesday following a Christmas holiday visit with relatives in the area.

Scott and Jill Meneeley hosted parties Wednesday and Thursday in celebration of the New Year for members of the Kewanna Church of Christ.

Helen Miller had a houseguest late in the week. Arriving the first day of 2009 for an overnight visit was her granddaughter, Suzanne Crump of Muncie.

Helen Whiteman had working visitors Friday, Jan. 2. Coming over for a pleasant visit and bringing along pizza for supper were her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Monica Whiteman of Pulaski. While here, Kevin and Monica took down all of Helen's Christmas decorations and put them away.

Barb Gast had company Friday. Stopping by in the evening were her daughter and great-grandsons, Cora Lynn Clemans and Brendan and Riley.

SATURDAY

Wilma Wilson had company

Saturday, Jan. 3. Helping her with some paperwork was her daughter, Judy Graham of Lucerne.

Helen Whiteman had a couple of visitors stop by Saturday. Paying her a call were her granddaughter, Teresa and Connor, and great-granddaughter, Tiffany Troutman.

Carol Broda had company Sunday morning, Jan. 4. Joining her for a pleasant visit over coffee were her daughter and grandson, Carri Sinnis and Logan of Carmel, and her neighbors, Roy and Sandy Alston and Tom and Barb LaFollette.

Florence Hogan accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette, to LaPorte Sunday. They had a wonderful time visiting with Florence's sister-in-law, Connie Shaw. Dan treated everyone to dinner after which the family returned to Connie's for an afternoon of catching up on all the family news.

Wilma Wilson had visitors Sunday afternoon. Coming by for a chat and to fix several things around the house (thanks) were her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center. In the evening, the trio went out for supper.

Dan and Julie Birge and Lacey, along with Jeff Markley and Spencer, traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, over the Christmas holiday weekend where they saw "Grinch Ice" at Gaylord Opryland. Thirty Japanese people came in and carved the characters and the scenes from the movie, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", out of big blocks of ice. It took them six weeks to carve all of the scenes and

characters. They even added dyes and coloring to make this masterpiece a real life experience. Unfortunately, this is the last year that they are going to do something so neat. The next stop for the group was a hotel that boasted two million lights and a giant Christmas tree in the lobby. After swimming and shopping, they were ready to head back home.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Connie Cogdill and Erin Tomerlin, Jan. 11; John Lincoln, Ron Scantlen and Doris Zellers, Jan. 12; Jake Kiss, Dave Patty and Jay Urbin, Jan. 13; Micah Cook, Kristen Evers and Sarah Johnston, Jan. 14; John Carlisle, Bill Foerg and Jeff Johnston, Jan. 15; Sarah Burch, Traci Burch, Shirley James, David Kimble, Ed Mollencupp Jr., Wendy Sutton and Marsha Tomerlin, Jan. 16; and Caleb Baldwin, Jason Federer and Shaun Wilson, Jan. 17.

I thought this little article I read in the January/ February 2009 issue of *Voice for Health* magazine should be shared:

HOW YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD DAY

- You see a 60 Minutes news team at your office.
- Your twin sister [or brother]

forgets your birthday.

- Your car horn accidentally sticks while following a motorcycle gang on the freeway.
- The Good Humor man yells at you.
- You get a nasty paper cut from a get well card.

- You come out of your memory-improvement class and forget where you parked your car.
- You're in an airplane and the Goodyear blimp is gaining on you.

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The first newspaper cartoon, a political caricature, appeared in a Washington paper, the *Federal Republican*, early in 1814.




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