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Personal property returns due May 15

It is no longer the duty of the township trustee to assist with the filing of personal property returns and they will not be mailing the personal property returns as they have in the past. If you filed a business return (Form 103-L or 103-S) or a farm return (Form 102) last year, you will need to file the return this year at the Fulton County Assessor's Office located in the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Suite 026, Rochester, or your accountant can file the return for you. It is no longer required by the state for individual returns (Form 101-S) to be filed which includes campers, ATVs, snowmobiles and human powered boats. Inventory (chickens, turkeys, ducks, livestock, grain, seed supplies, etc. or tangible personal property) is no longer required to be turned in on your farm or business return. You still need to turn in any new equipment you have acquired or any equipment that you no longer use for your business can be taken off your equipment list.

Personal property forms can be picked up at the Fulton County Assessor's Office, all local libraries in Fulton County, and the Kewanna town hall. Forms are also available from the State website at www.in.gov/dlgf. Forms will not be available until March.

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Western author at museum

Western author Richard Conroy will bring his new book to the Fulton County Museum Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. A former Rochester resident, Conroy has traveled the American West extensively and writes western novels. He is a member of the Western Writers Association and Western Writers of America. His first book, "Devil Rising", was published in 2008. Now he has a second book, "Return of the Gun", published last month.

The main character in both of his books is big Jon Stoudenmire, a likeable but violent gunman in the Old West. The story combines hard hitting action with humanity by analyzing the inner demons of the lead characters, showing the human side to some tough men. The action is fast moving and a pleasure to read.

Conroy will tell about his books and also how he became an author of books about the Old West. He will autograph copies of both books for sale in paperback at \$15.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

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Final soup meal Wednesday

The final soup meal to be served at the Kewanna United Methodist Church will be next Wednesday, Feb. 25. Residents can enjoy a bowl of soup with friends and neighbors between the hours of 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. You can eat in or carry-out. For more information, call 574-653-2201.

Wednesday's meal is the sixth such meal served at the church in an effort to feed local residents a hot meal and offer fellowship during an extra cold, long winter.

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Living History Faire, March 7 and 8

A Living History Faire will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, at the Fulton County Museum. This event is similar to the Trail of Courage but will be held indoors and will depict the 1840-1890 time period. Hours will be 9 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1 and food will be available.

The faire will offer attendees a chance to see what traders have at the bigger festivals, such as the Redbud Trail Rendezvous April 25 and 26 and the Trail of Courage Sept. 19 and 20, and not have to walk a mile to see everything. Traders will offer leather, furs, blacksmith items, jewelry, dream catchers, wood carvings, beads, silver, etc. Historic books and patterns will also be available.

Joe Krom, Argos, of the Eel River Traders will be present to autograph his new book, "Heart of a Warrior". Historic books by the Eel River Tribe of Indiana, George Winter, and others will also be available.

There will be no Farmers Market on that Saturday.

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Lamb referendum

A lamb referendum will be held from Feb. 2 - 27 and will be conducted by the county Farm Service Agency offices. The purpose of the referendum is to determine whether to continue the Lamb Check-Off Program. Those eligible to vote include all lamb (sheep) producers, feeders, or first handlers or authorized representatives engaged in the production, feeding or slaughter of lambs during the period from Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008. Voters must complete form LS-86-1 and also provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, showing that they were engaged in the production, feeding or slaughter of lambs during that time period.

Ballots may be requested in person, by fax or by mail, during the voting period from the county FSA office and via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketing/Programs.

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The News In Brief

President Obama has ordered the Energy Department to place high efficiency standards for everyday products such as dishwashers, lamps and microwave ovens.

Construction of a 160,000 square-foot super store in Logansport has been put on hold by Wal-Mart.

Indiana could receive about \$4 billion from the federal stimulus package that President Obama has signed into law. Gov. Mitch Daniels wants the money to go towards projects that will put people to work and leave the state economically stronger.

Kandace Evers, Kewanna, has been named to the Chancellor's List for students with a GPA of 4.0 or better during the first term at Colorado Technical University. She is currently enrolled in a distance course. Her program is Associate of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Logistics.

Dave Bowman, Region II Commander, and Orben E. Bennett, Department of Indiana Commander of The Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc., presented U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar with the Region II Commanders Award last Thursday. The award was given in recognition of the Senator's efforts in changing the eligibility process of all service members that have been killed in action, regardless of rank, to receive full honor funerals at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Lions to hear exchange students

Caston's foreign exchange students will address the Grass Creek Lions when they meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Grass Creek Fire Station. The students will talk about their home country.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, Feb. 23 - Smoked sausage, black eyed peas, cole slaw, cherry cobbler, roll and milk

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, wheat bread and milk

Friday, Feb. 27 - carry-in

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**RECYCLING DATES
 THURSDAY, FEB.
 12TH & THURSDAY
 FEB. 26TH**

House Passes House Bill 1585 to Lower Deer-Related Vehicle Accidents

The Indiana House of Representatives voted Tuesday to increase the deer bag limit in the top 30 counties for deer-related vehicle collisions for the next three years. The intent of higher bag limits will reduce the deer population, reducing the number of accidents in those counties.

The House passed House Bill 1585, authored by Rep. Bill Friend (R-Macy), by a 79-13 vote.

"This has become a serious public health, safety and property damage issue in the state, especially my district #23," said Rep. Friend. "I am pleased the House agrees with my bill and will address the issue this way."

Since 2003, deer-vehicle collisions are up 25 percent. District 23 contains five counties, and four of them are in the top 30 counties for deer-related accidents. These five, with their rankings: Kosciusko, 1; Marshall, 4; Elkhart, 6; Miami, 30; and Fulton, 36 according to State Police statistics.

House Bill 1585 would double the deer bag limit for the next three years, and it would increase the amount of antlerless deer taken in the top 30 counties for the next three years. Also, the firearm season would be extended by seven days.

Rep. Scott Reske (D-Pendleton) attached an amendment, with the Department of Natural Resources knowledge, allowing hunters to use a crossbow during the firearm season in the ranked 30 counties.

This has become a property damage concern in the state. More than \$120 million in insurance claims have been filed because of deer-vehicle accidents.

"This is still a work in progress," said Rep. Friend. "I will work with the Senate and the DNR as the bill progresses through Senate hearings."

House Bill 1585 will next be heard by the Senate.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ESTABLISHES TOLL FREE NUMBER TO ASSIST HOOSIERS WITH PEANUT BUTTER RECALL

Monday, February 16, a toll-free number (1-877-499-0017) will be available for Hoosiers without Internet access who need help identifying items on the expanded Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) recall. The recall list is available on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Web site at: www.fda.gov. National brand, jarred peanut butter found at grocery stores are not part of the recall.

There are more than 2,200 peanut-containing products listed on the FDA's searchable database. Also taking into consideration the number of cases of the current *Salmonella* Typhimurium outbreak strain in Indiana has increased from six on January 30 to nine on February 6 state health officials say they are concerned the public may not be aware that items in their homes have now been recalled.

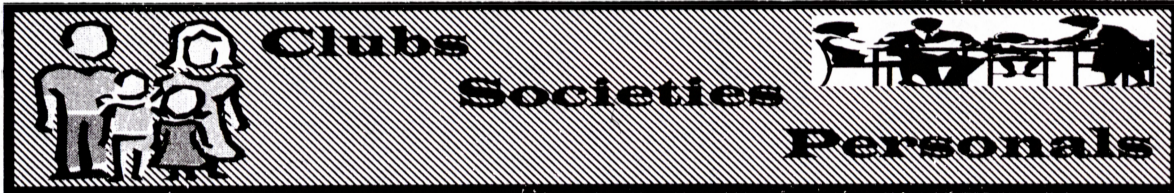
"*Salmonella* can potentially cause severe infection," says State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D. "Hoosiers need to be aware of the growing list of recalled products related to the current *Salmonella* strain. People should not eat items on the recall list, but instead, should discard them immediately if found in their cupboards and thoroughly wash their hands. If the public sees a recalled item for sale at their local store, we ask that they notify the store manager immediately."

On February 12, the Texas Department of State Health Services ordered Peanut Corporation of America to recall all products shipped from its Plainview, TX plant since March 2005. This is in addition to the PCA expanded voluntary recall of all peanuts and peanut products processed in its Blakely, Georgia facility since January 1, 2007. The PCA expanded recall includes all peanuts (dry and oil roasted), granulated peanuts, peanut meal, peanut butter and peanut paste but does not include national brand, jarred peanut butter sold at grocery stores.

The recall list is available at www.fda.gov by clicking on "Search Recalled Peanut Products." This list will be updated on a regular basis as additional recalls occur and information is received by FDA from the industry. For those without Internet access, information on the recall list is available by calling the Indiana State Department of Health at 1-877-499-0017, Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. EST.

For information about *Salmonella* and the current recall, go to www.statehealth.in.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

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Bunco Club meets in Florida

Former Kewanna resident Nancy Crow, Plymouth, was the January hostess for her Bunco Club. Since she was planning to be at her new home in Estero, Florida, she invited the group, which was established 42 years ago, to come there. Members who were able to attend included Linda Leasure, Mary Wegner, Patti Grube, Karen Haschel, Merna Daily, Joyce Luhn and Millie Smith. Those members who were unable to attend were Mary Sayers, Tressa Capper, Kathy Smith and Lynn Downhour.

(Editor's Note: This article was printed last week with a picture, however, since I gave the wrong command when using spell check, the names were garbled and apparently, spell check has never heard of bunco!)

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Corydon launches visitors guide

Historic Corydon has announced the release of its 2009 visitors guide. The guide is filled with information on the area's many extraordinary experiences, in-

cluding outdoor adventures and unique historic sites. Corydon visitors can experience the return of the Battle of Corydon Reenactment July 11-12. The guide is available at no charge by calling 888-738-2137 or visiting www.thisisindiana.org.

The free guide features a complete calendar of events, as well as detailed lists of lodging information, dining, attractions and historic sites. Camping and outdoor recreation are outlined in the guide. The region's unique shopping, including the charming shops on Corydon's historic square, is also featured.

Corydon's outdoor scene is spectacular. Adventure seekers can dunk their paddles into the Blue River, hike one of seven community parks, explore winding passageways in caves studded with astonishing natural formations and discover more than 800 picture-perfect scenic areas. Visitors will find award-winning wineries; old-time ice cream parlors; rare plants, herbs and flowers; pick-your-own blueberries and a host of outdoor activities that are ideal for the whole family.

The guide provides a variety of ways for guests to enjoy Hoosier hospitality. Guests will find

unlimited unique local restaurants and cafes that have choices of everything from fresh seafood to spicy Mexican restaurants and warm country cooking. The downtown Corydon shopping district provides an experience like none other. The past and present come together with trendy shops and cafes surrounded by old-fashioned ice cream parlors and the Corydon Capitol State Historic Sites.

With Bluegrass music, a romantic dessert for two, and a roll of the dice at Horseshoe Southern Indiana, the world's largest riverboat casino, Harrison County has lively nightlife activities. Guests can settle in for the night at one of the many incredible hotels or exclusive bed and breakfast amenities.

Information on reservations for all hotels and activities can be found inside the guide. For more information or to order the guide, consumers can visit www.thisisindiana.org or call 888-738-2137.

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FCHS board elects officers

The Fulton County Historical Society board of directors has elected officers for 2009. Chosen to serve are Lois Ulerick, president; Clem Good, vice president; Jean Cloud, secretary; and Lola Riddle, treasurer.

Other board members include Mike Wise, Henry Township; Carol Boyer, Newcastle Township; Mary Weir, at-large; Dennis Todd, Aubbeenaubee Township; Marsha Glassburn, at-large; Mildred Redweik, Wayne Township; Phyllis Thomas, at-large; Ruby Reed, Liberty Township; Kevin Kennedy, at-large; Kyle Van Meter, at-large; and J.H. Northrop, at-large.

The next regular meeting of the FCHS will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at which time the guest speaker will be Richard Conroy, author of books, "Devil's Rising" and "Return of the Gun", both westerns. He will have the books for sale at the meeting and will autograph them.

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Power Association elects officers

The Fulton County Power Association board of directors has elected officers for 2009. They are Carl Overmyer, president; Rich Rensberger, vice president; Robert "Skeeter" Daugherty II, treasurer; and Melinda Clinger, secretary. Other board members include Brandon Overmyer, George Meyer, Jim Briney, Dave Stangle, Will Merley, Doug Marks, Fred Oden and Lonnie Cripe.

The next membership meeting will be March 10 at the museum. The speaker will be Craig Chittick, DOT officer.

The members are currently selling tickets for the upcoming fish and chicken fry to be held Saturday, March 7, at the 4-H fairgrounds.

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WOODLAWN HOSPITAL
 February 6
 Births - Calvin and April Kneller, Rochester, a son
 February 9
 Admissions - Treva Smith, Argos

Dismissals - Marla Siebenhaar and April Kneller and son, Rochester
 February 10
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - none published

February 11
 Admissions - none published
 Dismissals - Kenneth Yeazel, Akron

Births - Jeremy and Samantha Hyde, Rochester, a daughter
 February 12
 Admissions - Elizabeth Love, Akron

Dismissals - none published
 February 13
 Admissions - Ethel Eastwood, Kewanna; Mildred Conley, Rochester

Dismissals - Clarence Olson, Plymouth; Treva Smith, Argos
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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

PMH is hosting a blood drive by the Indiana Blood Center Wednesday, March 4. Times for the blood drive are from 2 to 6 p.m. Call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday or register online

at www.donorpoint.org.

When the Bough Breaks is grief support for those who have lost an infant, experienced a stillbirth, miscarriage, or SIDS. This is a free service of PMH in Winamac for residents of Pulaski, Fulton, Starke, Marshall, Cass, White and Jasper counties. For more information, call 574-946-2180.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, February 28, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

PMH is offering a breast feeding class Thursday, March 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the conference center. The course offers information about the benefits of breast feeding for both mother and baby; how to get started breast feeding; how to develop a good milk supply; and problem solving. For more information or to register, call 574-946-2193 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

The Help for the Hurting Parent bereavement support group of PMH is open to residents of any county who have experienced the

death of any aged child. Call 574-946-2180 for more information. This is a free service offered by PMH.

The Living with Grief Support Group is offered at PMH. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For information, please call 574-946-2100, ext. 1149.

A one-day prenatal class will be held March 7 in the PMH conference center beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. To register, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you deliver at PMH, there is no charge for the class.

Abused? Home shouldn't hurt. Call the crisis center at 1-800-933-0374, 24 hours a day. The crisis center offers emergency shelter, complete confidentiality, support groups, and crisis intervention. The staff acts on behalf of the client with service agencies, serving Jasper, Newton and Pulaski counties.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records. Call 574-946-6071 for more information.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, Winamac, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment and

referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

Families First offers a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6017 to schedule an appointment.

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EASTERN PULASKI MENU
 February 23 - 27
Elementary Breakfast

Monday - Cereal, graham cracker, juice and milk

Tuesday - French toast, juice and milk

Wednesday - Biscuit with gravy, juice and milk

Thursday - Breakfast pizza, juice and milk

Friday - half day of school, no breakfast

Elementary Lunch

Monday - Cheese pizza, corn, peaches, cookie and milk

Tuesday - Omelet, hash browns, biscuit, applesauce and milk

Wednesday - Fish, potatoes, mixed fruit, cheese stick and milk

Thursday - Cheeseburger sandwich, pickle spear, pears, cookie and milk

Friday - half day of school, no lunch

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday - Chicken strips, cheese, breadstick, broccoli, orange juice cup and milk.

Choice - salad bar

Tuesday - Hamburger

sandwich, potatoes, mixed fruit, cookie and milk. Choice - salad bar

Wednesday - Stuffed crust cheese pizza, winter blend vegetables, pineapple, cake and milk. Choice - salad bar

Thursday - Chicken fajitas with salsa, lettuce & cheese, peach crisp, and milk. Choice - salad bar

Friday - half day of school, no lunch.

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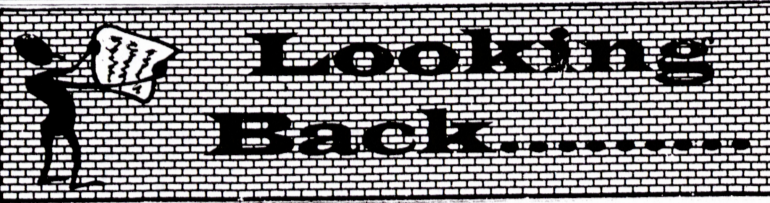
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**SIXTY YEARS AGO****February 17, 1949**

Don E. Fansler, 30, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Fansler and former Kewanna resident, was buried Saturday in the Bruce Lake Cemetery. A truck driver out of Windsor, S.C., he was killed when his semi rig turned over in a water-filled ditch. He was a brother of Mrs. Amy Crabb of here.

The Bruce Lake Community Church members met Tuesday evening, February 8, in the church basement for a get-together to become better acquainted with their new pastor, Rev. George Crane.

The REMC annual election of officers was held Monday at the Whitmer gym in Rochester with approximately 1,000 in attendance. The directors elected were E. L. Mitchell, Rochester; Edgar Runkle, Akron; Fred Graffis, Kewanna; Clarence Peterson, Rochester; Alvah Mitchell, Leiters Ford; Leo Mow, Richland Center; and Rex Murray, Grass Creek. A band directed by Charles Byfield and made up of students from Pulaski, Star City, Royal Center and Kewanna provided the entertainment.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**February 19, 1954**

A dial telephone system is being installed at Fulton because of an order from the Public Service Commission, which was the outcome of hearings held in the Fulton gym last fall.

More than \$100 in cash was taken from the Carrithers Grocery in Fulton sometime after 10:30 p.m. Saturday night. The burglary was discovered by Everett Gray about 8:30 a.m. Sunday as he walked by the store.

Jim McKinney announced today that he would be a candidate for Union Township trustee subject to the Republican primary election in May.

About 50 members of the American Legion and Auxiliary met at the American Legion Hall in Kewanna Thursday evening, February 11, for their annual oyster supper.

Mrs. Raymond Craig entertained at a party Sunday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Judy, who was celebrating her 12th birthday. Guests included Betty Ann Wagoner, Karen Craig, Joyce Bowen and Sharon Bowen, all of Rochester, and Judy's sixth grade classmates, Diane Hunter, Susan Turner, Judy Bennett, Sharon Hizer, Sue Ann Evers, Carol Sue Rainey, Dick Good, Thomas Zuck, Charles Heinsen, Bob Newgent, Jerry Hiland, Larry Lewis, Dennis Brown, Nancy Brockey, Frank Van Duyne, Susan Craig and Eve Talbott.

Last Sunday, the laymen of the Methodist church had complete supervision of the morning worship in observance of Laymen's Sunday. Ralph Johnston, leader, arranged the service. Kenneth Miller and Keith Harmon had the worship service. Rex Murray, George Hoover and Grant Felder gave brief messages on Christian stewardship.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, a daughter in Woodlawn Hospital on Monday, Feb. 15. The baby has been named Cynthia Lee. The mother is the former Donnabelle Van Duyne.

Relatives brought well-filled baskets to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kumler Sunday, Feb. 14, and helped the couple

celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary.

FIFTY YEARS AGO**February 19, 1959**

Earl Graffis, 79, prominent retired farmer, died at 9:00 p.m. Saturday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Ash, Winamac. Final rites were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Kewanna Methodist Church with Rev. C. D. Barringer of Winamac officiating.

Coach Hugh Ressler and his Fulton High School basketball team were honored Tuesday with a carry-in supper at the Fulton gym. John Davisson, Rochester school superintendent, was the featured speaker.

Over \$100 worth of personal belongings were stolen from a truck cab when Woody Fisher and Loyd Woolington were in Tennessee last weekend to pick up a load of limestone for the remodeling of the Harrison Funeral Home.

Word has been received here of the death of John Rafferty, 70, who died of a heart attack Wednesday in Tucson, Arizona. He moved to Tucson a few years ago from his farm east of Kewanna.

The Friendship class of the Grass Creek EUB Church held a farewell party Monday evening in the church basement for Mrs. Bertha Nickels who left Tuesday to make her home in Oakville.

The KMAF of the Kewanna Methodist Church met Sunday, Feb. 15, for its regular carry-in dinner with 65 present. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Partridge were the hosts. Following the meal, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Murray were honored with a "This is Your

Life" program emceed by Kenneth Cook. The Murrays recently moved from here to Idaville.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**February 20, 1964**

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Anderson, Rt. 3, Kewanna, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 23, with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. in their home north of Kewanna.

Kostantin Bucinski, 84, Kewanna, died Monday afternoon in Venice, Florida. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Kewanna. He is survived by his wife, Frances; three daughters and two sons.

Wilbur Rude, Rt. 2, Kewanna, has been suffering from a bad case of hiccoughs, but is better.

Alice Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan, Kewanna, fell last week in her home and broke bones in her right elbow. The fractured elbow was placed in a cast.

Four Odd Fellows, members of the Kewanna Eden Lodge, were honored at a meeting Monday night, Feb. 3, when they received 50-year pins. Receiving recognition were Grover Metzger, David Metzger and Clyde

Collins, all of Kewanna, and Ralph Emerson of Lucerne.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hines of Kewanna observed their 45th wedding anniversary recently in Chicago. Michael Hines, who flew in from Las Vegas, and Dr. and Mrs. James Hines and family hosted the party at a Chicago hotel for their parents.

An auto driven by George Schmidt, Rt. 1, Kewanna, was hit by a New York Central switch engine at a crossing in South Bend. The car was demolished. Schmidt was treated for bruises at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and released.

THIRTY YEARS AGO**February 15, 1979**

Lisa Harris, a junior at Kewanna High School, was crowned homecoming queen Friday night during festivities of the Kewanna/Indianapolis Park Tudor basketball game. Stacy Personett, a freshman, was the first-runner-up and Stephanie Dimmock, a senior, was second runner-up.

Karyn Field, fourth grade teacher, and Jean Urbin, second grade teacher at Kewanna, attended the Indiana Junior Historical Society workshop at Kokomo recently.

Two Kewanna students recently participated in the NISBOVA solo and ensemble contest at Culver High School. Jenny Cunningham played "Toyland" on her flute had received a first place rating. Nola Personett played "Romance" on her clarinet

and received a second place rating. Nola also played an oboe solo and received a second place rating.

Mike Herd, Rt. 2, Lucerne, and Judy Graham, Rt. 2, Kewanna, were among the 1,478 students who completed degree requirements at Purdue University in December.

TWENTY YEARS AGO**February 16, 1989**

The Kewanna-Union Township firemen were on the scene Saturday afternoon when the remainder of the Kenny Swafford residence was burned to make way for a new home to be erected on the site. The home was badly damaged by fire Christmas Eve.

Shane K. Scott, a preparatory school student at Kemper Military School and College, Boonville, Missouri, has been promoted to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant. Shane is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Rt. 1, Kewanna.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Harrison-

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Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Florence M. Hines, 76, Rt. 3, Kewanna. Rev. Dennis Ingle officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery.

Opal Garner, Kewanna, has been transferred from Woodlawn Hospital to Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru.

TEN YEARS AGO February 18, 1999

A former Grass Creek resident, Phil Wills, will be honored during halftime festivities at the Caston-Rochester varsity basketball

game Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Caston. Phil has been elected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and will be inducted in March.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, for Mary K. Harper, 73, Kewanna. Dr. Doug Blanc of the First Baptist Church officiated and burial was in the Kewanna Citizens IOOF Cemetery. Mrs. Harper served for nine years on the Kewanna town council and was a 60-year member of the First Baptist Church.

Robert John Redweik, Kewanna, was the guest of honor at a retirement party recently at Plymouth Tube in Winamac in recognition of his 34 years with the company.

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Pioneer defeated Caston 59-46 Monday night at Royal Center. Wes Rigney paced the Comets with 18 points. Ethan Zartman added 10 points, including three three-pointers. Caston will host Tri-County Friday night.

The Caston Lady Comets were ousted from sectional play Tuesday, Feb. 10, by South Newton, 26-24.

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Indiana's Unemployment Insurance System

Due to several inquiries, below is some basic information about unemployment insurance in Indiana.

General Information

- Unemployment benefits can be collected up to 59 weeks
 - State unemployment up to 26 weeks
 - Two federal extensions up to an additional 33 weeks
- Weekly benefits are determined from an individual's income history
 - The minimum benefit is \$50 per week
 - The average benefit is approximately \$290 per week
 - The maximum benefit is \$390 per week
- Indiana unemployment benefits are paid through a VISA debit card which can be used anywhere VISA is accepted or at any ATM machine.
- Online banking can be used to transfer funds to claimant's personal banking account.

General Qualifications

NOTE: Below are general guidelines which should not be viewed as specific rules. All unemployed Hoosiers are encouraged to file an initial claim to determine eligibility. The qualifications and formulas used to determine unemployment insurance benefits are extensive.

- You must be unemployed due to no fault of your own
- You must be able and available to work full time
- You should have earned a minimum of approximately \$4,000 per year
 - It requires an annual income of \$37,000+ to qualify for the maximum weekly benefit
- You must actively seek full-time work and post your resume on IndianaCareerConnect.com or have a return to work date from your previous employer

Step 1 - Apply

- Prior to submitting an initial application for unemployment insurance benefits, applicants are strongly recommended to watch the online tutorial. This tutorial provides applicants a general understanding of the questions they will be expected to answer. The online tutorial and filing system can be accessed at <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2625.htm>
- An initial application for benefits can be filed from any computer with Internet access or any WorkOne Center. To find a WorkOne Center, visit <http://www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/>
- Applicants will need:
 - His/her address, social security number, date of birth, and phone number
 - Last employer's name, mailing address, phone number, dates of employment, and reason unemployed

What Hoosiers Should Expect Following Initial Filing

NOTE: After filing the initial claim, claimants need not contact DWD or their local WorkOne Center for 21 days, unless otherwise instructed. Eligibility will be determined during this period.

- Within ten days of filing, claimants receive a wage transcript and benefits computation form.
 - This does not determine qualification; it is a statement providing a possible weekly benefit amount and an overall maximum benefit amount should claimant be eligible.
- Eligible recipients typically receive their VISA debit card within approximately 21-days.

Step 2 - Vouchers

- The week following a claimant's initial application and each week thereafter, a weekly voucher must be submitted to DWD.
 - Vouchers cover the previous week and can be filed beginning on Sunday. Each week claimants must report:
 - Income earned during the previous week
 - Three places they looked for work (name, address, and method of contact)
 - Ability to work full-time, should a position been offered to them
 - Online vouchers can be submitted from any computer with Internet access or at any WorkOne Center at <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2625.htm>
 - Paper vouchers can be submitted via mail or at any WorkOne Center
 - IMPORTANT NOTE: paper vouchers may take up to three weeks to process
 - Online vouchers, without issues, are processed within two days.
 - Claimants with pending issues must continue to file weekly vouchers. Once issue is resolved, payments will be made for those eligible to receive benefits.

Step 3 - Filing for Federal Extended Benefits

- Claimants must exhaust their state benefits before they file for federal extended benefits.
 - Federal law requires DWD to reject claimants from state benefits before they apply for federal benefits.
- To apply for extended benefits, claimants simply resubmit their existing state application and continue filing weekly vouchers through Indiana's unemployment system.
 - Federal weekly benefit equals state weekly benefit

Additional Resources

- All unemployed Hoosiers are encouraged to visit their local WorkOne Center to explore job search, career development, and job training grant opportunities.
 - Training grants may include up to \$6,000 to pursue a degree or certificate in a high demand/high wage career
 - Additional assistance may be available for transportation to job and child-care expenses while interviewing
- WorkOne Centers also offer free resume writing, interview coaching and GED courses.
- Additional aid may be available to unemployed Hoosiers through FSSA and other federal or state agencies. Programs may include (depending upon eligibility): health, nutrition, energy, and childcare assistance, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. A link to these programs can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dwd/2639.htm>.

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Health Bulletin

Keeping Germs At Bay In The Hospital

(NAPS)—When most patients go to the hospital, it is with the hope of “getting better.” Unfortunately, it doesn’t always work out that way.

Health care-acquired infections are a growing concern in the United States—causing complications for patients and significant economical burdens to the health care system. In some cases, hospital-acquired infections result in death—with almost 100,000 patients dying each year.

“Bacteria found in hospitals are often resistant to many antibiotics, making hospital-acquired infections difficult to treat,” says Gary W. Procop, MD, FCAP, a pathologist at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. “In hospitals, bacteria can easily spread from patient to patient, health care worker to patient, or from environmental sources to the patient.”

Pathologists are physicians who examine cells and tissues to diagnose disease and illnesses. Dr. Procop specializes in microbiology and infectious disease pathology.

Two of the most common hospital-acquired infections are *Staphylococcus aureus*, particularly methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA), and *Clostridium difficile*—commonly known as “C. diff.” MRSA is a kind of bacteria that causes “staph” infections; it can live on common surfaces, such as a table, for weeks and can be transmitted when someone touches it.

The most common place to come in contact with *C. difficile* is in a health care setting. It can live on bedrails, cart handles, bedpans, toilets, stethoscopes, telephones and remote controls. When you touch a contaminated surface and then your mouth, you can become infected.

“Something as simple as



When at the hospital, washing your hands can help protect your health—and the health of others.

hand washing greatly decreases your chances of contracting or spreading an infection while staying in the hospital or visiting friends or family members,” says Dr. Procop.

All hospitals should have a hospital infection control program, which includes promoting good hand washing among health care workers and isolating or rooming infected or colonized patients together.

The College of American Pathologists, an advocate for high-quality, cost-effective patient care, recommends that hospital infection control programs monitor the rates of hospital-acquired infections and promote interventions that reduce patients’ risks for these infections at their institutions.

As with many illnesses, your best defense is a strong offense. Wash your hands with warm soapy water for 15 to 30 seconds while you are in the hospital and before and after visiting a loved one. In addition, be sure that your doctor and nurse wash their hands before and after examining you. If they don’t, offer a gentle reminder.

For more information about preventing and understanding diseases, visit the Web site at www.cap.org.

Making Life More Enjoyable

Help Make Mardi Gras A National Holiday

(NAPS)—From coast to coast, the fun of Mardi Gras is now enjoyed beyond the Big Easy every February. Fat Tuesday, the final day in the Carnival season, is traditionally celebrated in New Orleans with family and friends gathering together for good times and, of course, good food—like Mardi Gras staples jambalaya, red beans and rice, and gumbo.



Visit MotionforMardiGras.com to sign the national petition, download fun activities and find delicious recipes such as Carnival Jambalaya.

To promote the spirit of Mardi Gras nationwide, Zatarain’s, the brand serving up authentic New Orleans-Style cuisine for more than a century, is leading an effort to petition Congress to declare Mardi Gras a national holiday.

With the “Motion for Mardi Gras” campaign, the company has launched an online petition to collect signatures from those across the nation voicing their support for the holiday. Additionally, a donation will be made to the Rebuild Fund of the Greater New Orleans Foundation to support New Orleans and the city’s vibrant culture.

To join the effort to make Mardi Gras a national holiday, visit www.MotionforMardiGras.com beginning February 3. The site also has fun activities, from make-your-own Mardi Gras masks and paper float centerpieces to fun family trivia and delicious Mardi Gras recipes like Carnival Jambalaya.

Beauty Basics

For Beautiful Hair, Start With Your Scalp

(NAPS)—In their effort to achieve beautiful hair, many women may ignore one of the most important hair care needs—well-cared-for and moisturized scalp.

Head & Shoulders expanded its line of conditioners to include Restoring Shine and Ocean Lift. The shampoos and conditioners work together to provide a healthy scalp and 100 percent flake-free beautiful hair.*

“You moisturize everywhere else, why not your scalp?” said Dr. Marta Rendon, Head & Shoulders Global Dermatologist. “It’s an essential step in having beautiful, radiant skin. The biggest question I ask my patients with scalp care issues: You moisturize everywhere else, why wouldn’t you moisturize your scalp?”

A dry and damaged scalp doesn’t create the best foundation for beautiful hair, just as poor skin does not create the ideal canvas for good-looking makeup. To get the foundation for beautiful hair, Dr. Rendon says, moisturization is the key. After three weeks of regular use, Head & Shoulders can help an average scalp hold on to as much as 8 ounces of natural moisture every 15 days, helping foster a protective moisture barrier against damaging factors.

According to a study conducted by Procter & Gamble, ordinary conditioners can wash away up to 70 percent of the active ingredient deposited on the scalp by Head & Shoulders shampoos, Head & Shoulders condition-



Hair care experts know that a healthy, moisturized scalp creates the foundation for beautiful, manageable hair.

ers maximize the amount of pyridone zinc on the scalp, providing incredible scalp protection and beautiful hair.

Dr. Rendon gives four quick tips to help maintain healthy and moisturized hair and scalp during these colder months:

- When choosing a shampoo and conditioner, look for one with a rich zinc compound formula. Head & Shoulders Restoring Shine shampoo and conditioner contains a unique zinc formula that restores the scalp’s ideal moisture level, allowing you to achieve a healthy scalp and 100 percent flake-free beautiful hair.

- Avoid wearing wool hats, since wool itself can be irritating. Try cotton or a fiber instead.

- Invest in a humidifier to keep humidity higher indoors, which can help prevent the skin on the scalp and entire body from drying out.
- Apply a leave-in conditioner to just the ends after showering.

For more information, visit www.headandshoulders.com.

*visible flakes with regular use.

Did You Know?

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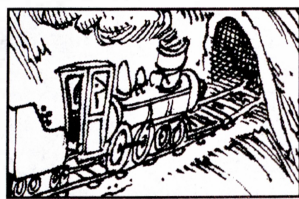
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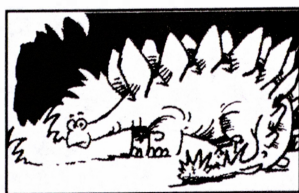


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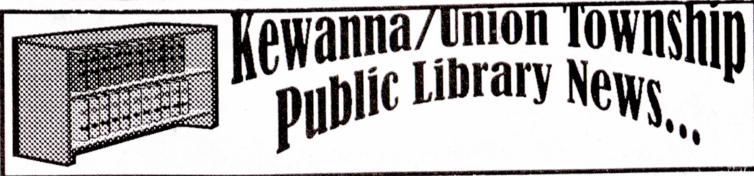
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State Representative DOUG GUTWEIN District # 16

Survey results

I was elected as state representative for the important task of representing your interests at the Statehouse. As a public servant, I need continual input from the people of District 16 as I seek to make the best decisions for the district and the state as a whole.

One important source of input has been a survey I sent out before the legislative session convened in January. I sincerely thank everyone who took the time to respond.

Several questions showed hearty support or disapproval of certain questions, as high as 97 percent agreement.

Here are the highlights.

Property Tax Caps

Seventy percent of responders supported a constitutional amendment that would make permanent caps on property taxes. The caps would limit taxes to 1 percent of a home's assessed value. For agricultural land, the cap is 2 percent and for commercial property, property taxes would not pass 3 percent.

Indiana currently has these caps, but they expire in 2010. I — and many people around Indiana — want to make sure these tax caps will not be taken away. It's time to make them a reality, not merely a good idea that could be taken away at a moment's notice by a simple majority vote.

Protecting Taxpayer Dollars

District 16 was also worried about the effect illegal immigrants have on taxpayers.

Ninety-seven percent of survey responses indicated support for a state law requiring all state agencies to verify legal residency before issuing public benefits. This would ensure only Hoosiers receive services and goods paid for by Hoosier tax dollars.

Ninety-six percent also wanted to protect in-state tuition rates by prohibiting illegal immigrants from receiving in-state tuition at

Indiana's public universities. Because many of our universities are funded by the state, it's important we do not abuse the purposes for which tax money was appropriated. I will continue to take this watchdog stance on issues even beyond those mentioned in my survey.

Government Reform

Since the Kernan-Shepard report on government reform was released, measures to reform local government such as consolidation have been a hot topic in the state legislature. Although changes need to be made, I recognize that Indiana must not rashly swing to the extreme when addressing these issues. The people of District 16 also indicated that they do not want immediate changes with unknown consequences.

Seventy-four percent said they did not want three-member boards of county commissioners replaced with a single person elected as the county's chief executive. Eighty-nine percent did not support eliminating the township form of government and passing its duties on to municipal-, county- and state-level offices.

While I believe Indiana's government could be streamlined, I also agree with the people of District 16 that eliminating necessary positions will only pass the work on to others. Money can be saved, and local government can function more effectively, but the Indiana General Assembly must make smart choices to leave intact the vital portions of our government.

Teenage Drivers

Another popular topic that has generated interest in both the House and Senate is safety for teenage drivers. Those who responded to the survey agreed that dangerous distractions exist for new, young drivers. Seventy-seven percent said "Yes" when asked if restrictions should be increased for teenage drivers.

In the Senate, a bill has been introduced that prohibits drivers under 18 from driving while using a telecommunications device such as a cell phone. I think most of us agree that talking and texting are distracting, especially for drivers who are still getting used to the road. I support moves that decrease the hazards inexperienced drivers pose for themselves and other drivers.

I am continually aware I am here because you want me in this position. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns or questions, by email at h16@in.gov, by calling the Statehouse toll-free at 1-800-382-9841, or by writing me at the Statehouse at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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Caston Sports Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 19 — Girls JH basketball vs. Columbia at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys JH wrestling vs. Frontier at Caston, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20 — boys JV & varsity basketball vs. Tri-County at Caston, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21 — girls basketball regional at Caston, 10 a.m.;

Monday, Feb. 23 — girls 5 AB basketball at North Miami, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24 — boys JV & varsity basketball vs. Winamac at Caston, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26 — girls JH basketball vs. North White at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; boys JH wrestling vs. Pioneer/Cass at Caston, 6 p.m.

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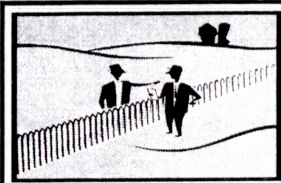
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**Town & Country
CHATTER...**

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Saturday morning, Feb. 7. They helped serve at the monthly breakfast at the VFW post.

Jerry and Kay Brown were in Rochester Monday evening, Feb. 9. They attended the high school freshman girls' basketball game against Argos. Their granddaughter, Leighnee Smith, is a player for Rochester.

Helen Whiteman had callers Tuesday evening, Feb. 10. Joining her for a visit over supper were her daughter, Sherri Lett, and her granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Andrea Hook and Rylee of Winamac.

Barb LaFollette traveled to Kokomo Wednesday, Feb. 11. She picked up her mother, Pauline Eikenberry, for a day-long outing. They did some shopping and enjoyed a visit over lunch.

Julie Brown was in Fulton Wednesday afternoon. She had a fun time visiting with Camile Zimpleman, Addison and Parker (her newest "munchkin").

Kay and Jerry Brown traveled to John Glenn High School Wednesday evening. They were attending the high school girls' basketball tourney. Their granddaughter, Molly McKinney, was playing for Rochester.

Don and Doris Woolington had company Friday, Feb. 13. Coming over for a visit were their granddaughter and her family, Laurie and Matt DePoy, Jerrod, Carson and Hayden of Ft. Wayne. Everyone had a really good time catching up on the family's happenings with one another.

Wilma Wilson and her

daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Bill Foerg of Royal Center, traveled to Argos Saturday, Feb. 14. They enjoyed a visit over lunch at the Log Cabin restaurant.

Florence Hogan had working visitors Saturday. Coming up for the day were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette. While here, the trio watched the Purdue University basketball game, enjoyed lunch together and tackled a little repair job.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had a little visitor Saturday. Staying with them while his parents went out for a Valentine's Day dinner was their great-grandson, Elijah. Upon their return, Elijah's parents, Shelby and Duva, presented the LaFollettes with some South Bend Chocolate Company goodies and a large musical card that played "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" by Bill Haley and the Comets.

Mark and Kelly Smith, Kara and Zachary, and Joe and Karen Good spent Saturday in Lafayette per the special request of Kara who was celebrating her 16th birthday. The outing included shopping and dining. The group stopped to visit with Forrest and Elnora Baker enroute home.

Pauline Brown and Julie had company early Saturday evening. Stopping by with some holiday goodies were Wendy Sutton, Luke and Tanner.

Jerry and Kay Brown celebrated Valentine's Day with dinner at the Edgewater restaurant in Culver Saturday evening.

Katelyn Jenkins was the guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday. The occasion was in celebration of her 5th birthday and held in the community room of the local fire station. Hosting the event were her parents and brother, Kim and Justin Jenkins

and Riley. Helping them mark the occasion with lots of birthday trimmings were her great-grandparents, Ray and Beth Weller and Harold Sutton; her grandparents, Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Sutton; her great-great-aunt, Betty Leazenby; her great-aunts and uncles, Randi and Steve Neidig of Bourbon, Belinda and Rick Weller of LaPorte and Bob Sutton; and her uncle and cousins, Doug Sutton, Ethan and Owen of Goshen.

Earl and Mary Bangel and their son and his family, Louis and Jean Bangel and Joyce, enjoyed a belated Valentine's Day dinner in Winamac Sunday. Afterward, they traveled to Pulaski for a visit with Jean's mother, Elsie Scheffer.

Barb and Jon Gast had visitors Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a family chat were their children and their spouses, Randi and Steve Neidig, Rick and Belinda Weller and Cora Lynn Clemans.

Leonard and Nancy Evers were Sunday evening supper guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Maria Evers. It was a belated birthday celebration in honor of Leonard.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Shawna Amit, Nicole Beach, Blaine Corbett, Brenda Johnston, Kirsten O'Hern and Mandi Van Scoy, Feb. 22; Freddie Bauman, Ava Green and Braydon Jenkins, Feb. 23; Bev Barnett, Nancy Evers, Verl Kreamer and Edward Robson, Feb. 24; Corrine Kimble, Curtis Pesaresi and Megan Weller, Feb. 25; Amanda Gregor, Leslie Rouch, Abby Sommers

and Tiffany Troutman, Feb. 26; Stephanie Baldwin, Ellie Cohagen, Helen Miller, Joyce Miller, Zack Whiteman and Chevy Wolfe, Feb. 27; and Tyler Downhour, Brock Hinderlider, Daniel Kreamer and Hannah Whiteman, Feb. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Troutman will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Feb. 24 and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bangel will be celebrating theirs Feb. 27.

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